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John Andrews is the owner of "Fairmount Farm," a homestead of 300 acres, composed of lots 2 and 3, on concession D of the Township of Southwold. He was born in what is now the City of St. Thomas, October 1st, 1831, and was married October 31st, 1855, to Isabella McLarty, who was born in Scotland, in July, 1829. Of this union five children, viz., Richard A., Mary J., Margaret W., Albert E., and Isabella L., have been born. Mr. Andrews has officiated for two years in the Township Council, and was also elected 1st Deputy Reeve, and returned to the same position twice by acclamation. The father of John Andrews was Rev. Richard Andrews, a minister of the Congregational Church, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1794. He married, in his native county, Mary Slee, and in the spring of 1831 emigrated to Canada, arriving at St. Thomas in June of that year. This place was then a mere hamlet, and as there were none of the Congregational denomination in the neighborhood, Mr. Andrews joined the Baptist Church, and became its pastor. He also became teacher of the St. Thomas Seminary, and instituted the first class in Hebrew ever organized there. He was, besides, a land surveyor, and laid off a portion of the future city of St. Thomas. Rev. Mr. Andrews afterwards took up farming, and died in 1849, his widow following him to the grave in 1855. Seven of deceased's children are still living, viz.: John, whose name heads this sketch; Richard, who is in Chicago; William and Thomas, in Oregon; Albert, a farmer in Ingham County, Mich.; Elizabeth, wife of a Mr. Whitnam, St. Thomas; and Mary, wife of D. B. McRae. Mr. John Andrews has been identified with the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association since its organization, and was its president for one year.

Dennis Avey owns 50 acres of land on lot 13, concession 5 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about $2,000. Mr. Avey was born in Suffolk, England, in April, 1821. His parents had thirteen children, of whom two are dead, and the remaining ten reside in England. Mr. Avey married Mary Ann Rosher, of the County Norfolk, England, in 1856, and came to America the same year. At first the young couple settled in Toronto, but at the end of a year removed to London, where they lived for thirteen years, and then took up the land which they now occupy. They have had three children, viz.: George Vanderdeck, deceased; another infant son, also deceased; and William George, who is now living with his parents.

PHILIP AVENT, who owns 65 acres on lot 21, concession 3 of the Township of Bayham, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1818, and settled in the County of Elgin about 1850. In 1848 he was married to Margaret Scanlan, of Ireland, and one daughter, Mary Ann, has been born to them. Mr. Avent has worked hard to improve his property, which is worth about $2,000 at present.

STEPHEN BACKUS, of the Township of Dunwich, was born on the farm where he now lives, May 15th, 1825. He owns 480 acres of land, and resides on concession 10, lot 13, of this township. In 1860 he was married to Elizabeth Burgess, of Fingal, Ont., but has no family. Our subject's father, Stephen Backus, came to Canada from New York State, about 1810, and his mother, Anna Story, was a native of Ireland. Their family consisted of Andrew, Joseph, Thomas, Mary, Olive, Sarah, Hannah, Stephen, Robert, Henry and Walter, of whom all but three survive. Coming to Canada when it was but a wilderness, they endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life; but prosperity followed their efforts, and each of their sons succeeded to 200 acres of fine land. The old homestead, one of the best farms in the township, is now occupied by the subject of this sketch.

ANDREW BACKUS, lot 11, concession 10 of the Township of Dunwich, owns a homestead called "Lake View," comprising 460 acres. He was born in that township January 1st, 1812. Mr. Backus always was interested in military matters, and has served in the militia as ensign, lieutenant and captain. His wife was Miss Mary Jane Hamilton, who was born in Ireland, November 30th, 1816. They were married May 2nd, 1839. Of this union twelve children were born, six sons and six daughters. Seven of these are now living, viz., Mary, Stephen, William, Andrew, Sarah, Catherine and Amelia. Andrew, the youngest son, has served for several years in the militia, and recently resigned with honors. Our subject's father and mother are elsewhere mentioned in these sketches.

ROBERT BACKUS, of "Maple Grove," a farm of 250 acres, lot 13, of the 9th concession of the Township of Dunwich, was born in the same township, June 15th, 1827. His wife, Jane Pearce, was also born in Dunwich, and they were united October 20th, 1858. Four children, three sons and one daughter, were born of this union; their names are William, Frederick, John and Anna. Mr. Backus is the youngest living son of Stephen Backus and Anna Story, whose names have been previously mentioned. His farm is in a fine state of cultivation, and is valued at $20,000.

JOHN BOBIER, of the Township of Dunwich, deceased, owned 600 acres of land, valued at $40,000. He was born in the County of Wexford, Ireland, in 1800, and lived to the good old age of 80 years, being a farmer all his life. He first settled in the County of Elgin in 1825, and was married, in 1829, to Jane Wellwood, a native of County Carlow, Ireland. Their family consisted of thirteen children, of whom twelve, viz., Joshua, Mary, Thomas, Sarah, Harriet, John, Joseph, Richard, Louisa, David, Amelia and Alfred, are now living. Mrs. Bobier is now in her 74th

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year. The late Mr. Bobier took a great interest in fine stock cattle, and did much to advance the interests of stock-raisers in his section of country. He served as a major in the militia, and was a man much respected by all who knew him.

JOSHUA BOBIER, deceased, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, in 1798, and first settled in Elgin County in 1825. He was a farmer, and at the time of his death, 1850, owned 200 acres of lot 15, in the 9th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is now valued at $12,000. Deceased was married, in 1833, to Mary Patterson, a native of Dunwich Township, by whom he had five sons and two daughters, of whom five, viz., Sarah, Leslie, Joshua, John and Mary, are now living. Mrs. Bobier is in her 75th year, and lives with her son on the old homestead.

JOHN BROWN, farmer, of the Township of Dunwich, owns 105 acres of land in lot 20, of the 11th concession of the township, which he values at about $6,000. He was born at Surrey, England, August 14th, 1830, and first settled in the County of Elgin in 1849. Since 1881 Mr. Brown has held the position of Postmaster at Port Talbot. He was married January 30th, 1861, to Mary Jane Dennis, of Cornwall, England, by whom he has had nine children, two sons and seven daughters. Eight of these, viz., Bessie, Ernest, Emily, Mary, Ellen, John, Bertha and Eva, are now living. Mr. Brown came out to Canada with Col. Talbot, in whose employ he was for some time. He was the first importer of pure Southdown sheep, of which breed he brought a number into this province. He has always taken a great interest in stock raising, which he has gone into with considerable success.

DUNCAN BLACK, one of the leading pioneers of Elgin, owns lot 16, on the 2nd concession of the Township of Dunwich, his property being worth $25,000. He was born in the Township of Southwold in 1835, and in 1839 espoused Catherine Duncanson, of Eckfrid Township, by whom he had eight children, five sons and three daughters. John Black and Nancy Munro, the parents of the subject of this sketch, came to Canada from Argyleshire, Scotland, and settled in Southwold Township. They had six children, of whom two are now living. Mr. Duncan Black is in every sense an old settler, and has witnessed many improvements since he first took up land in the bush.

DAVID BENNET owns a fine farm, worth $15,000, on lot 18, concession 4 of the Township of Dunwich. He was born in Clackmannanshire, Scotland, in 1828, and settled in this country in 1852. He was married the same year, to Euphemia Campbell, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and they had six children—David, Jane, Sarah, Ann, John and James. When he was an infant of a year old his father died, and at the age of 17 he had the misfortune to lose his only remaining parent. He then decided to seek a home in America, and accordingly came as a pioneer to the Township of Dunwich.

JAMES BUTCHER has a farm of 73 acres on lot 26, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $2,500. He was born in Norfolk, England, in 1826, and came to Canada with his parents, Mark and Sarah Ann Butcher, in 1837.

Mr. Butcher, Sr., first settled in Buffalo, N.Y., where he remained two years, and then moved to Bayham. James Butcher was married in 1872 to Margaret Hunter, of Malahide Township, by whom he had five children, of whom four, viz., Mark, Matilda, Arabella and Alexander, are now living.

THOMAS J. BRADY was born in Toronto Township in 1840, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1875. He now farms 50 acres of land on lot 2, concession 3 of the Township of Bayham, which is valued at $2,500. In 1865 Mr. Brady was married to Margaret J. Chisholm, also of Toronto Township, and they have had six children, viz., Annie E., Monta Lena, Ellen, Francis, James and John C.

JAMES BEGG owns 100 acres of land on lot 42, Talbot Street, Township of Southwold, which is worth about $12,000. Mr. Begg was born in Glenbucket, Scotland, March 15th, 1812, and first came to the Township of Southwold in October, 1846. During the winter of 1846–7 he lived in St. Thomas, and then settled upon the farm which he now occupies. Mr. Begg has filled every important municipal position in the township, having served as Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillor. He was married in June, 1856, to Margaret Currie, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and they have two children, viz., Margaret Elizabeth and James, who reside with their parents. Mrs. Begg is a daughter of Donald Currie, whose father emigrated from Scotland with his family, and settled in Yarmouth Township. Mr. James Begg is the only member of his family who came to America.

JOHN BRIGHTMAN CLARK emigrated from Northampton, England, in 1856, and settled at St. Thomas, where he followed the occupation of butchering about eighteen years. He then purchased 35 acres of land on lot 45, North Talbot Street, in the Township of Southwold, which he values at about $3,500, and has lived there ever since. Mr. Clark was born in Northampton, May 21st. 1831, and in 1852 married Eliza Rogers, of Westone, Warwickshire, England. They have no family. Mr. Clark is in comfortable circumstances, having accumulated considerable means when engaged in the butchering business.

EDWIN BARNES owns 80 acres of land on lot B, on the north branch of the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, which is worth about $6,000. His father, Joseph Barnes, came with his parents from Pennsylvania in 1780, and settled in Chippewa. He lived there until after the War of 1812, and moved to St. Thomas in 1815, where he took up farming near the present site of the Michigan Central depot. Joseph Barnes had three sons and two daughters, viz., James, Lydia Ann, Jonas, Mary Jane and Edwin. Of these the daughters are deceased. Edwin Barnes was married in 1869 to Nancy Smith, of Port Stanley, and by her has one son named John Wesley.

THOMAS BRADY emigrated from Ireland with his father, James Brady, in 1818, when only 7 years of age. Mr. James Brady settled in Southwold, County of Elgin, and remained there farming until his death in 1842. Thomas Brady resided with his father until the latter's death, and then purchased a farm in Yarmouth, where he

resided for twenty years. On leaving Yarmouth he purchased the land he now occupies, viz., 95 acres on lot 7, Lake Road, Township of Southwold, which is valued at $5,500, and is called "Apple Grove Farm." Thomas Brady was born in County Mayo, Ireland, October, 1811, and was married, in 1837, to Margaret Brady, a native of Ireland. They had eight children, four sons and four daughters, viz.: Mary, who resides at home; Jane, at home; Thomas, lives in Chicago; John, at home; Ellen, lives in Chicago; Francis, Catherine, and another son, deceased.

John Brook owns 79 acres of land on lot 6, on the Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, valued at $7,000. His parents, John Brook, Sr., and Mary Phelps, his wife, were natives of Nova Scotia. John Brook, Jr., came to the Township of Southwold, west of Fingal, in 1849. He was born, in 1821, in Nova Scotia, and was married, in 1844, to Sarah Lowther, also of Nova Scotia. They had eight children, three sons and five daughters, viz.: Hiram, farmer in Southwold; William, James, Mary Ann, Jane, Elizabeth, Sarah and Emma. All reside near home, except Mary Ann and Elizabeth. Mrs. John Brook is a daughter of Jonathan Lowther, a native of England, her mother coming from Nova Scotia.

James Henry Best is a son of Elisha Best and Dorcas Philpott, his wife, who were married in Southwold Township in 1842. Elisha Best was a son of James Best and Amy Bodine, his wife. Elisha was born June 27, 1816, and died in 1862, his wife Dorcas being still alive. James Best, the grandfather of James Henry, was a U. E. Loyalist, and came to Southwold from the State of New Jersey, in 1812, settling on the farm now occupied by his grandson, viz., 200 acres on lot 7, on the Talbot Road, valued at $14,000, and called "Apple Grove." James Henry Best was born in Southwold in 1848, and was married in 1874 to Christina McColl, who was born in Southwold, 1850. They have a family of four, three sons and one daughter, viz., Herbert McColl, Ernest Elisha, Nichol and Mary Jennet. Mr. Best has three brothers, viz.: Leonidas Elisha, born March 10, 1844, a doctor of medicine, practising at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Robert Bruce, born Nov. 19, 1849, also a doctor, in Holland City, Mich.; McKendra, born June 30th, 1855, also a doctor in Constantine, Mich. Mr. J. H. Best has been a Township Councillor for two years, and still holds office. Mrs. Best's father was M.P.P. and Township Councillor for some time.

Phineas Barber is a son of John Barber and Hannah Donaldson, both natives of Pennsylvania, from whence they emigrated to Southwold in 1810, and settled on the Talbot Road, on land obtained from Col. Talbot. John Barber had five children, viz.: Phineas, born February 18, 1812; Jane, married Leslie Pierce, deceased; John, deceased; Maxfield, who resides in Iowa; and Donaldson, who lives on the old homestead. Phineas was married, July 8th, 1834, to Susan Marr, a native of Northumberland County, Penn., and they have six children, viz.: William, born 20th May, 1836, practises medicine in Waverly, Iowa; Hannah, born 20th April, 1837, married Daniel Johnson, and died February 19th, 1873; John, born 19th July, 1839, practises medicine in Arcadia, Indiana; James, born 2nd December, 1841, farms in Muskoka;

David, born 11th August, 1844, farms with his father; Daniel, born October, 1847, farms in Dakota. Mr. Phineas Barber owns 350 acres of land on lots 17 and 18, on Talbot Street, Township of Southwold, the property being valued at $25,000, and called "Woodburn Farm." He has been Reeve of the township for three years, and an elder of the Presbyterian Church for forty years.

RICHARD BENNETT was born in Lancashire, England, in 1819, and settled in Elgin County in 1881. He now owns a farm of 98 acres on lot 4, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, valued at $6,000. He was married in England to Mary Atkinson, a native of the same county as himself. Mr. Bennett, on arriving in Canada, at first located in Norfolk County, where he remained five years. He then moved to Elgin, remained there three years, and moved once more to Norfolk, but finally came back to Elgin, and took up the land which he occupies at present

DONALD CARMICHAEL emigrated from Scotland, where he was born in Argyleshire in 1821, and came to Southwold in 1850, purchasing 200 acres of land on lot 14, Talbot Road, valued at $12,000, which he calls "Aird's Farm." His father's name was John Carmichael, and his mother's was Catherine McColl. Mrs. Carmichael came to Southwold with her son, and lived there until the time of her death in 1877. Mr. John Carmichael had six children, viz: Jennet, who married Donald Cameron (he died in 1855, on his return from Australia); Donald, who farms in Southwold; Mary, who died in Scotland; Margaret, who married Peter Stevenson, farmer, of Southwold; and Dugald, deceased. Donald Carmichael, the subject of this sketch, has never been married.

JAMES CASEY has 110 acres of land on lot 5, on the East River Road, in the Township of Southwold, which is worth about $9,000. His father, James Casey, emigrated from Ireland in 1830, and settled in Southwold, about four miles west of Fingal. He died in 1870, at the age of 72 years. James Casey was born in Southwold, in March, 1843, and was married to Margaret Ann Megean in 1878. Two children have been born to them, viz., James and Eliza Ann, both of whom are living. Mrs. Megean is a daughter of James Megean, and is a native of Hamilton, Ont., her parents emigrating from Ireland in 1865. Mr. James Casey, Sr., had fourteen children, as follows: Thomas, William, James, Frank, Owen, Edmund, George, Hannah, Julia, Ellen, Margaret, Sarah, Mary Ann and Delia.

EWEN CAMERON, JR., is the owner of 150 acres of land on lot 13, concession north and south of Lake Road, Township of Southwold, known as "Chestnut Grove Farm," and valued at $12,000. Ewen Cameron, Sr., and Ellen Cameron, were his parents, and they emigrated from Scotland in 1821, and settled in Southwold in 1822. Ewen Cameron, Jr., was born in Southwold in 1832, and was married to Maria Williams, a native of Southwold, who was born in 1835, and they have had three sons and three daughters, viz.: Annie, married to James Steele, a farmer of Southwold; Mary, Harry, William, Laura and Thomas; the last five all live at home. Ewen Cameron, Sr., taught school for four years when he first came to Canada, afterwards settling

upon the above farm. He was born in 1787, and is still living, although he has reached the age of 98 years. His wife Ellen died in 1881, at the age of 84 years. Their surviving children are: Charles, a lawyer in Chicago; Ewen, the subject of this sketch; Alexander, a lumberman in Mississippi; and Christina Ann, married to Russell Perrin, who lives in Kansas City. Mrs. Ewen Cameron is a daughter of Thomas Williams, J. P., who settled in Southwold in 1815.

JOHN H. CHAPLOW is a son of William Chaplow, who emigrated from England in 1843, and settled in St. Thomas, Elgin County, where he carried on the business of a manufacturer for some seventeen years. He then bought the farm now occupied by his sons, John H. and William, and went into farming and stock dealing, until his death, which took place October 28th, 1884. John H. Chaplow was born in St. Thomas, October 17th, 1849, and on November 23rd, 1881, was married to Mary Lock, of Yarmouth Township, the latter being then in her 26th year. Mrs. Chaplow's father is a farmer, and lives about a mile north of St. Thomas. He came to Canada from Somersetshire, England, in 1848, and has lived in Yarmouth ever since. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chaplow have had one daughter born to them. Mr. Chaplow's farm consists of 55 acres of land on lot 10, on the River Road, of the Township of Southwold, which he values at $5,000. The property has been named "Eden Terrace."

JOHN CAMPBELL owns a farm of 120 acres on lot 8, River Road West, of the Township of Southwold, which he calls "Apple Grove Farm," and values at $12,000. He is a son of John S. Campbell, who emigrated from Scotland in 1835, and settled in Southwold, on a farm now occupied by Dugald, his son. John Campbell was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, December 6th, 1822, and on February 20th, 1849, married Lydia Robins, of Devonshire, England, by whom he had eight children, of whom the following are now living, viz., Lydia Ann, Jennie, Grace, Neil and George. Mrs. John Campbell's father, Richard Robins, died when on his way to Canada from England, leaving a widow and two children, viz., Mrs. John Campbell and Adam Robins, the latter being now in business in St. Thomas.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL is a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1813. In 1818 Archibald Campbell and Mary Brown, his wife, the parents of Alexander, came to Canada, bringing with them three children, two more being born in this country. In 1834 our subject purchased the land which he now occupies, and commenced clearing off the bush. He was married in 1843 to Grace Morrison, of Argyleshire, Scotland, by whom he has had six children, viz., Archibald, Jane, Robert, Mary Ann, Grace and Alexander. Mr. Campbell's farm, which is an excellent one, consists of 100 acres of land on lot 4, concession 4 of the Township of Aldborough.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL owns a farm of 128 acres of land on lot 4, concession 1 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth $7,000. He was born in Argyleshire Scotland, in 1808, and came with his parents, Donald and Flora Campbell, to

Canada in 1818. They first settled on what was known as Brock's Creek, the whole country being then a forest. Alexander Campbell was married, in 1833, to Catherine Campbell, also from Argyleshire, Scotland, and they have had a family of eleven children, of whom nine are now living, viz., Donald, Archibald, Mary, Flora, Duncan, John, Alexander, Thomas and Dugald. The subject of our sketch is now in his 77th year, and is in good health, notwithstanding the many hardships he has experienced in his pioneer life.

Freeman Chute owns 100 acres of land on lot 6, concession 2 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $6,000. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1832, and in 1842 came to the County of Elgin with his parents, Andrew and Olivia. Their family consisted of thirteen children, of whom eleven are now living, viz., Edmund, Sarah, Ann, Harriet, Alfred, Sidney, Ezekiel, Freeman, William, Sintha and John M. Mr. Freeman Chute has been married twice. By his first wife, Elizabeth Dodge, of the County of Oxford, he had four children, three of whom are now living, viz., Edgar M., Warren L. and Harvey H. Mr. Chute held the position of Township Councillor for a year.

Walter Clark has a farm of 100 acres in lot 9, concession 2 of the Township of Dunwich, which is worth about $10,000. He was born in this township about 1842, and was married to Flora McArthur, a native of the same place, in 1879. John Clark and Flora Graham, the parents of Walter, came to Canada from Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1819, first settling in the Lower Province, where they remained for eight years. They then came to Elgin, and located a little south of what is now the Village of Dutton, remaining there for six years. They finally removed to the farm which Mr. Walter Clark now occupies. They had seven children, of whom six are now living.

Alexander Campbell, who was born in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, in 1814, first settled in the County of Elgin in 1837, where he now owns 300 acres of land, partly on lot 22, on the 2nd concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is worth about $20,000. Mr. Campbell was married, in 1849, to Janet Carswell, of Aldborough Township, and eight children were born to them. Five of these, viz., Archibald, John, Dugald, Margaret and Jane, are now living. Mr. Campbell was one of the Dunwich pioneers, and settled on his present property when the whole district was a forest.

Elijah Clark, a native of the Township of Southwold, was born September 22nd, 1825, and is now farming 142 acres of lot B, on the 9th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at $10,000. He married, September 25th, 1849, Susan Jane Keillor, of Nova Scotia, and ten children were born to them, six being sons and four daughters. Seven of these, viz., Junius, Lemuel, Mary, Augustus, Vesta Ann, Roland and Laura, now survive. Lemuel is now practising medicine at Otsego, Michigan. The parents of the subject of this sketch, John Clark and Ruth Hamilton, came to this province from Nova Scotia about 1818. Mrs. Elijah Clark died March 1st, 1881.

JOHN CARSWELL was born in the Township of Aldborough, and owns a farm of 275 acres on the 8th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is worth about $20,000. He was married, March 9th, 1865, to Nancy Sinclair, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, by whom he had six children, five sons and one daughter. Archibald Carswell and Isabella Gillies, father and mother of the subject of this sketch, came to Canada from Argyleshire in 1819. They had five children, one son and four daughters, four of whom are now living. Mr. Carswell for a long period has been one of the leading farmers of the Township of Dunwich, having been connected with the Dunwich and Southwold Branch Agricultural Society for upwards of twenty years. He devotes considerable attention to bee culture.

PETER CRANE, deceased, was born at Port Talbot July 6th, 1810, and at the time of his death resided at "Chestnut Grove," 100 acres of beautiful land on lot 6, concession 9, in the Township of Dunwich. He was married to Mary Willson on August 27th, 1833, the latter being then in her 19th year. Their family consisted of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, of whom ten are now living. Of their five sons two are farmers, two carpenters, and one a painter. Mr. and Mrs. Crane first began housekeeping in the Township of Euphemia, near Bear Creek, and remained there about four years, when they removed to the Township of Dunwich. In 1851 they settled on what is now the old homestead, but what was then a dense forest.

ANTHONY CRANE owns 300 acres of fine land, partly on lot 15, in the 11th concession of the Township of Dunwich; he calls his property "Lake View Villa," and was born there in 1812. He was married to Mary McVicar, January 12th, 1853, and has seven children, viz., George Alexander, William, Christiana, Eliza, Anthony, Charles and Mary. George Crane, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier in the British army, and came to Canada from England. He was married here to Isabella Finlay, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. They had nine children, William, Charles, Peter, Anthony, Maria, Hannah, Jane, Alexander and Adam. Of these, Anthony, Peter and Adam settled in Canada, the others finding homes in the Western States. Mr. George Crane died intestate, and in consequence his real estate all went to his eldest son, and Anthony was left to carve out a fortune for himself. This he has managed to do with great success, having no other aids but industry and perseverance.

W. D. DEDRICK owns 100 acres of land on lot 27, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $3,000. He was born in Walsingham Township in October, 1830, and settled in Bayham in 1865. In 1880 he married Annie S. Millard, of Malahide Township, and one daughter has been born of this union. His father, Cornelius, came to Canada from Pennsylvania when he was about 4 years of age, his parents being U. E. Loyalists. The children of Cornelius were eight in number, of whom seven, viz., Samuel S., Hannah, Sarah W. D., Lucretia, Cornelius A. and Jerusha Jane, are now living. Their father died in 1860.

ARCHIBALD DUNCAN, lot 12, concession 10 of the Township of Dunwich, owns 223 acres. He was born in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, April 18th, 1836, and first settled in the County of Elgin in 1857. He was married, February 19th, 1862, to Lydia Patterson, daughter of Leslie Patterson and Lydia Backus, by whom he had two children, of whom a son named John survives. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan reside on the Patterson homestead, which well deserves its name, "Sunnyside."

NEIL DEWER is a son of Alexander Dewer and Nancy Brodie, his wife, both natives of Scotland. His father came to Southwold in 1830, and settled on the farm now occupied by his son Neil, and grandson John, viz., 136 acres of land on lots 4 and 5, 2nd range from Lake Road, Township of Southwold, valued at $9,000, and called "Duntroon Farm." Neil was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1805, and was married, in 1840, to Catherine Dewer, also from Argyleshire, by whom he has three sons and two daughters, viz.: Alexander, farmer in the Township of Dunwich; John, farmer, who resides at home; Nancy, who also lives at home; Neil, who was formerly a merchant at Lambeth, Middlesex County, Ont., but now resides in Toronto; and Margaret, who married William Argyle, a resident of St. Thomas.

WILLIAM DAVIS owns "South View Farm," a handsome property of 100 acres, situated on lot 4, River Road, Township of Southwold, and worth about $6,000. Mr. Davis is an Irishman, having been born in Tipperary in 1848. He is a son of John Davis, who died in New Jersey in 1856. William was brought up by his uncle James, and adopted as his heir. James was an early pioneer of Southwold, and died in 1877. Mr. William Davis, in 1878, married Sarah M. Potticary, daughter of James Potticary, also one of Southwold's pioneers. Two children, a boy and a girl, have been born of this union.

HORATIO N. DRAPER, deceased, owned at the time of his death 150 acres of land, which he cleared for himself, on lot 26, concession 4 of the Township of Bayham, and which is worth about $5,000. Mr. Draper was born in Vienna, Elgin County, in 1826, and in 1849 married Eldura Price, of Darlington Township, who was born there in 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Draper had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, viz., Amelia A., Marion W., Samuel, Eliza, Isaac and Albert, who are all well provided for. Mr. Draper died in 1874.

GEORGE DOBBIE, deceased, lot 14, concession 7, Bayham Township, owned 200 acres of good land, and was born in Scotland in 1793. He came to this country, selecting for his home this township, in 1826. He married, in 1825, Miss Anna Maria Allen, of New York City, and the union was blessed with eight children, six of whom are now living, viz., Edwin, William A., George, Alice, Agnes and Charles.

J. W. EAKINS was born, in 1839, in the Township of Bayham, where he now owns 100 acres of land situated on lot 22, in the 1st concession, which is worth $4,000. He was married, in 1873, to Hannah Ellis Walsingham, of the County of Norfolk, by whom he has one daughter. Our subject is a son of Robert and Rachel Eakins, who came to Canada from Nova Scotia, and first settled in Brant-

ford Township, but afterwards located on the above farm in Bayham. Their family consisted of eight children, of whom five are alive, viz., Susannah, Rossin, Eleanor, John and James. The last named, to whom this sketch refers, now occupies the old homestead.

James J. Ferguson, who served in the Rebellion of 1837, owns 170 acres of land on lots 14, 15 and 16, in concession 3, Township of Southwold, which is worth about $11,000. He is a son of James and Mary Ferguson, of County Antrim, Ireland, where he was born in the year 1800. Mr. Ferguson's father and mother both died in Ireland, and the subject of our sketch came to America in 1825, and settled on the farm which he now occupies. He is one of the oldest settlers in Southwold, and has always been a farmer. Mr. Ferguson has been married four times, and has had thirteen children, of whom nine are now living, viz., John, Andrew, Daniel, Jennet, Margaret, Mary, Sarah, Anna and Jane, all of whom reside in Elgin, except Daniel and Sarah, who are in the States. Mr. Ferguson's present wife was named Sarah Heck, and was born in Ireland in 1820. They were married in 1863.

William Francis is a son of Thomas Francis and Electra Wagner, his wife, who emigrated from New York State in 1805, and settled at Stony Creek, in Wentworth County, where our subject was born September 7th, 1823. Thomas Francis was a veteran of 1812, and his father William, who served under Nelson, perished in that conflict. William, the subject of this sketch, was married in June, 1864, to Jessie Davidson, a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and daughter of Robert Davidson, by whom he has had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom two are living in Ohio and the rest in the County Elgin. Their names are as follows: John D., William T., George A., Catherine, Ellen, Robert T., James D., Wellington, Nettie, Charles W., Eva and Arthur Lorne. Mr. Francis has lived in the County of Elgin since 1848. The family are of Welsh extraction.

Thomas Futcher, Jr., lot 31, on the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, owns a tract of 400 acres, which he values at $40,000, and has named "Fovant Farm." He was born in Fovant, Wiltshire, England, in July, 1831. In 1834 Thomas Futcher, Sr., emigrated to Canada with his family, and remained four years in Yarmouth Township. In 1838 they returned to England, and lived there two years, finally returning to Canada in 1840, and settling on the farm in Southwold, now occupied by the subject of this sketch. Mr. Thomas Futcher, Sr., died in 1871. He had two children, Thomas and Sarah, the latter being deceased. In October, 1855, Thomas married Susan Northwood, daughter of John Northwood, who came to America from Ireland in 1832, and settled in Delaware Township, Middlesex County. They have had seven sons and one daughter.

Daniel B. Freeman is a native of Halton County, having been born in Trafalgar Township in 1834. Mr. Freeman first came to Elgin in 1862, where he now owns 150 acres on lot 12, concession 9 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth

$8,000. He married Eliza Brown in 1859, and they have a family of four, viz., Hannah, Nancy, Fannie and Anna Maria. Our subject is a son of Isaac and Hannah Freeman, who came to Canada from the State of New Jersey, and settled in Beverly Township.

WILLIAM FRANCISCO is a native of Canandaigua, New York State, where he was born in 1804. He came to the County of Elgin in 1831, and now owns 240 acres of land on lot 27, concession 3 of the Township of Bayham, the property being worth about $9,000. He was married, in 1827, to Jane Dowling, of Nova Scotia, and they have had four children, of whom three are now living, viz., Enoch, James and Ann Eliza. On coming to Canada, Mr. Francisco engaged largely in the lumber business in Bayham and Houghton Townships. He also carried on a large mercantile business at Vienna for some fourteen years. The town of Vienna is largely indebted to Mr. Francisco for its business enterprises. In 1851 he erected a large brick hotel there, at a cost of $10,000, which is still occupied. Both as a pioneer and a business man, he has had few equals.

JOHN GRAHAM has a fine farm of 200 acres on lot B, in concession 8 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about $10,000. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1820, and came to Canada with his brother Lachlan in 1847. He was married to Isabella Beaton, of Howard Township, Kent County, in 1854, and had by her eight children, six of whom are now living, viz., Flora, Sarah, Isabella, Mary Ann, Duncan and Benjamin. Our subject is a son of Duncan Graham and Sarah Campbell, who had a family of eight, viz., James, Archibald, Duncan, Robert, Peter, Angus, Sarah and Isabella. Mr. John Graham has gone through many hardships, but has succeeded in bringing into a fine state of cultivation a most desirable farm.

ARCHIBALD GRAHAM owns a nice farm of 100 acres on lot 19, concession 12 of the Township of Aldborough, which he values at about $6,000. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1818, and was brought to America the same year by his parents, Hugh and Mary Graham. They first settled in Lower Canada, where they stayed about one year; thence they went to Dunwich Township, and after about three years moved to Aldborough, and made their home on the property now occupied by their son Archibald. Their family consisted of one son, the subject of this sketch, and five daughters. One of the latter, named Margaret, resides in Hamilton, while Martha, her sister, lives on the old homestead with her brother. The other two daughters are deceased.

JOHN GILBERT is the owner of "Woodland," a farm of 50 acres in lot 3, concession 9 of the Township of Dunwich, valued at $3,500. He was born in Devonshire, England, in 1819, and settled in Elgin in 1842. He was married, March 27th, 1842, to Susan Gloin, of the same place as himself, by whom he had two children, Elizabeth and Mary Jane. On June 5th, 1850, Mr. Gilbert, having been deprived by death of his first wife, married Phœbe House, by whom he had six

children. Of these there are five now living, viz., Walter, Sarah Ann, Huldah, Lilly and Richard. Our subject first settled in the Township of Yarmouth, where he remained about sixteen years, and then removed to his present location. He is now in his 66th year, and in the enjoyment of good health.

MILES HOTCHKISS is a son of David and Temperance Hotchkiss, and was born near Niagara Falls in 1815. David, his father, was of Dutch descent, and was born on the Mohawk River, New York State. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and at the conclusion of the conflict took up 100 acres of free grant land in the Township of Bayham, County of Elgin, Two years after coming to Bayham, Mr. David Hotchkiss lost his wife, by whom he had a family of seven children, three of them, viz., John, Jane and Miles, being now alive. The subject of our sketch now owns 150 acres of land on lot 26, concession 6 of the same township, which is worth about $5,000. He was married, in 1869, to Margaret Mitchell, of Inverness, Scotland.

CHARLES HARE is a native of Yorkshire, England, where he was born in 1830. He came to Canada, and settled in Bayham Township, on lot 24, concession 3, in 1867. He was married, in 1855, to Mary Ann Betts, of Norfolk, England. Mr. Hare has worked very hard since coming to Canada, at that time his 200 acre farm in Bayham having been a standing forest. It is now worth about $8,000. Mr. Hare is much respected by all who know him, and has faithfully discharged the duties of School Trustee for the past fifteen years. He has also been Secretary-Treasurer of the township.

L. L. HUTCHISON is a son of A. B. Hutchison, of whom a sketch appears herein. He has a farm of 100 acres on lot 25, concession 3 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $3,500. Mr. Hutchison was born in this township in 1841, and in 1868 was married to Eliza J. McCurdy, a native of the same locality.

ELIJAH HAINES is the owner of 50 acres of land, worth $2,000, on lot 11, concession 2 of the Township of Bayham. He was born in the same locality in 1843, and married Emma E. McConnell, of Malahide Township, in the year 1880. Our subject is a son of Alexander and Frances Haines, elsewhere mentioned.

ALEXANDER HAINES farms 100 acres of land on lot 3, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, the property being valued at $6,000. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1803, and settled in the County Elgin in 1825. In 1852 he married Frances Willis, of Norfolk County, by whom he had six sons and two daughters, viz., Elizabeth, Calup, William, Elijah, Clarine, John, Benjamin and Alexander. Our subject's father and mother, Calup and Sarah Haines, were among the old United Empire Loyalists who went to Nova Scotia from New York State at the close of the revolutionary war, being known then as refugees. Mr. Haines came to Canada when about 22 years of age, and worked hard to bring his land under proper cultivation. He has now retired from active life, and his farm is managed by his sons.

C. JOHNSON has 10 acres of land on lot 28, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, valued at $300. He was born in Houghton Township in 1846, and was married, in 1867, to Jane Smith, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, by whom he has seven children.

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON farms 100 acres on lot 21, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, which he values at $2,000. He was born at Fort Erie, in this Province, in 1839, and came to Elgin County about 1856. He married, in 1867, Nancy M. Halbert, and is a much respected and prosperous farmer.

CHARLES KAINS owns 100 acres of land on lot 6, on the West River Road of the Township of Southwold, which is worth about $8,000. His father, George Kains, emigrated from the County Kent, England, while a young man, and settled in Grenville, in the Province of Quebec, where the subject of our sketch was born in January, 1851. Mr. George Kains was a merchant by occupation, and came to St. Thomas after a few years, where he died in 1880. He had nine children, viz., George, Joseph, Eleanor, Robert, John, Thomas, Charles, one who died in infancy, and Mary, who died at the age of 35. Mr. Charles Kains married Christina Eliza Crane, daughter of Anthony Crane, of the Township of Dunwich, in March, 1883, and they have one child.

JAMES KELLY owns 350 acres of land on lot 3, concession 13 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about $14,000. He was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1820, and in 1847 married Mary Creech, of Fifeshire, by whom he had eleven children, nine of whom are now living, viz., James, John, Alexander, Robert, William, Henry, Janet, Mary and Margaret. Mr. Kelly came to Elgin County, Ont., in 1867, and first settled in the Township of Dumfries, ten years afterwards removing to Aldborough.

THOMAS KERR comes from Dumfriesshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1815. In 1844 he came to Canada, and took up land near the River Thames, in the northern portion of the Township of Dunwich. There he lived some twenty-three years, and then moved to lot 14, concession 4 of the same township, where he now has a very fine 100 acre farm, valued at $7,000. Mr. Kerr, in 1836, before leaving Scotland, married Nancy Byers, and twelve children were born of this marriage, viz., Mary, John, Joseph, Jane, Janet, Thomas, William, Margaret, Ellen, Elizabeth, Robert and Annie. These all reside in Canada except William and Robert, who have been living in California for some time past.

WILLIAM LODGE owns 150 acres of land on lot 2, north of Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, valued at $12,000, and called "Oakdeen Farm." His father and mother, Joseph Lodge and Mary McIntyre, were both natives of Nova Scotia, where the former was born in 1816, and the latter in 1819. Joseph Lodge died in 1857, and Mary Lodge is still living. William was born in Southwold January 16th, 1840, and was married in November, 1863, to Janet Kerr, who was born in Southwold in 1840. Mrs. Lodge is a daughter of Colin Kerr and Margaret Patterson, natives of Argyle-

shire, Scotland. William Lodge has a family of three children, two sons and one daughter, viz.: Minnie, a teacher of music; Joseph Kerr McKenzie; and William Colin Herschel.

William Lindsay, Sr., owns 90 acres of land on lot 3, concession A of the Township of Southwold, which he calls "Maple Hill Farm." The property is worth about $8,000. Mr. Lindsay is a son of John Lindsay, who came from Prince Edward Island to Southwold in 1837, and took up 200 acres of unbroken forest. John Lindsay's father, John Lindsay, Sr., emigrated from Ireland to Prince Edward Island in 1826. John Lindsay, Jr., had eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom eight are living, viz., Jane, William, Sarah, John, Ellen, Thomas, Amelia and Robert. William Lindsay, our subject, was married October 30th, 1866, to Elizabeth Baker, a native of Devonshire, England, and they have had five children, three sons and two daughters, viz., Mary Elizabeth, James, Edmond Allan, William Alfred Clarence and Beatrice Ethel Maud, who are all living with their parents.

Daniel Lang is the owner of 80 acres of land on lot 18, concession 13 of the Township of Aldborough. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1842, and came to Canada with his parents, Hector and Isabella Lang, in 1853. Mr. Daniel Lang was married, in 1867, to Ann Jane Graham, a native of Aldborough, and they had a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters. For four years Mr. Lang served as Township Councillor, and has been Reeve two years. He has been singularly successful in both of these positions, and takes a deep interest in all questions relating to the welfare of the municipality under his charge. He is largely interested in the timber and grain trade, and is part owner of "Eagle Dock," which is of great benefit to the people of the township.

John Lee is one of the largest land-owners and farmers in the county. His farm is worth about $35,000, and he has become its possessor solely by his own shrewdness and industry. He says himself: "I started out to do for myself when I was about 20 years of age, my property consisting of an axe, which cost $2.50." He was born in Saltfleet Township, near Hamilton, Ont., in 1812, and in 1835 he married Mary Ann Mulholland, of Beverly Township. He first settled in the latter locality, but finally moved to Aldborough. His land is situated on lot 12, concession 12 of this township, and consists of 890 acres. Although 73 years of age, Mr. Lee is as much engrossed in his daily labors as men of half his age. He has a family of four sons and three daughters, viz., Lucinda, Elizabeth, Catherine, Joseph, John, Sidney and James William, all of whom reside in Canada.

William Light was born in 1839, in Vienna, Elgin County, and was married to Elizabeth Allen, of the Township of Bayham. He now owns 50 acres of land in lot 26, concession 2 of this township, which is worth about $2,500. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have had a family of eight children, six of whom are now living.

Andrew Lunn was born in Galashiels, Scotland, February 23rd, 1820, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1869. He owns 290 acres of land in the Township

of Dunwich, valued at $22,000. He first came to Canada in 1852, and settled in Oxford County, near Ingersoll, where he remained until he removed to the farm on which he now lives. Mr. Lunn was married, in 1842, to Isabella Tait, of the County of Haddington, Scotland, and has four sons and two daughters. Five of these, viz., John, Thomas, Walter, James and Margaret, are now living.

ELIJAH MANN, JR., is the owner of "Rosedale Farm," comprising 100 acres of lot 36, on Talbot Street, in the Township of Southwold, valued at $1,000. Mr. Mann is a son of Elijah Mann, Sr., who came to Canada from New York State in 1814, and settled in Southwold Township, receiving the farm now occupied by his son from Col. Talbot. Elijah Mann, Sr., lived until 1868. His family was as follows: Sarah, Amy, Mary, Lyman, Henry, Caroline, Rhoda, Elizabeth, Clausa, Elijah, Charlotte, Almira, Matilda, Jane, Melissa and Joseph. Of these, Lyman, Rhoda, Sarah and Mary, are deceased. Elijah Mann, Jr., was married November 21st, 1865, to Almira McCray, daughter of John McCray, a native of New York State. They have had three children, of whom only one is now living.

DUGALD MCCOLL owns 250 acres of land on lots 3 and 4, North Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, called "Maple Lane Farm," and valued at $20,000. Nicol McColl and Janet Campbell, his parents, were natives of Argyleshire, Scotland. Nicol was brought to Southwold by our subject's grandfather, Dugald, in 1831. Mr. Dugald McColl had a family of eight children. Mr. Nicol McColl was married in 1845, came into possession of the homestead in 1855, and brought up three children, viz.: Dugald, the subject of this sketch, born in Southwold, 1846, and Reeve of the township, who resides on the old homestead; Christina, wife of James H. Best, farmer, of Southwold; and Mary, wife of Geo. McKenzie, a resident of St. Thomas. Mr. Nicol McColl represented West Elgin in the first Provincial Parliament for Ontario, from 1867 until 1871, and was a member of the County Council for several years. Dugald McColl has occupied the old homestead since 1878. He was married, in 1875, to Mary Black, born in Southwold in 1848, and they have a family of three children, viz., Janet, Nicol and Emily. Mr. McColl was elected Deputy Reeve of Southwold in 1882, and held office for two years. In 1884 he was elected Reeve by acclamation, and again in 1885. He is now Vice-President of the Township Insurance Company.

MALCOLM MCINTYRE came to the Township of Southwold when he was about 18 years of age, with his father, Angus McIntyre, who emigrated from Scotland in 1829. Angus McIntyre died in 1858. Malcolm McIntyre was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, and married Isabella Ferguson, also from Scotland, in 1833, and they have nine children, four sons and five daughters. Malcolm worked with his father until his marriage, when he took up 100 acres of land on lot 9, 2nd range south of Lake Road, Township of Southwold, which is valued at about $7,000, and is named "Peach Grove Farm." Malcolm's children are all living, and are as follows: Catherine, married to James McCallum, of Fingal; Mary, who resides with her uncle; Isabella, married to Colin McIntyre, deceased; Angus, a farmer, of Fingal; Duncan, farmer

on the Lake Road; Nancy, married to Duncan McCormick, farmer on Talbot Street; Dugald, farmer on Lake Shore Road; Daniel, who resides with his parents; and Jessie, who also lives at home.

JOHN MASON emigrated from England in 1827, where he was born in 1808, in Manchester. His parents were Samuel and Alice Mason, who never came to America. On reaching Canada, Mr. Mason took up the land which he now owns in Southwold, viz., 90 acres on lot 14, concession north of Lake Road, which is worth about $7,000. Mr. Mason calls his place "Gaythorn." Besides farming, Mr. Mason has engaged considerably in blacksmithing, and also took the contract for building the harbor of Port Stanley in 1837. He was married twice, first, in 1867, to Isabella Wade, who was born in Putney, England. He was married for the second time to Mrs. Rufus Mills, a widow lady with one daughter. Mr. Mason has no family of his own.

CAPT. SAMUEL MASON owns 122 acres on lot 14, first range south of the Union Road, Township of Southwold, which is valued at $10,000. He is a son of John Mason, who emigrated from England in 1815, and settled at Long Point, Norfolk County, where he built a foundry and remained for ten years. John Mason died at Long Point in 1819, at the age of 65 years. Capt. Samuel Mason settled at Port Stanley in 1827, and built a vessel, which he commanded for ten years; since which time he has been in the woollen business, but has lately retired. Captain Mason was born in England in 1802, and married Alice Ashcroft, of Liverpool, in 1827. There were born of this marriage eleven children, four sons and seven daughters. Mrs. Mason died in 1881, at the advanced age of 74. The surviving children of Capt. Mason are as follows: John Henry, Samuel James, Sarah Elizabeth, Eliza Jane, Mary Frances, Alice Emily, Louisa Matilda, Laura Cecilia and Evangeline Eugenie. All of these live in Canada except Alice Emily, who resides in Michigan.

CAPT. ANGUS MAY, Master Mariner, has a pleasant homestead in Southwold Township, comprising 5 acres of ground on lot 14, on the first range north of the Union Road, which he calls "Maple Grove Home," and values at $1,000. He was born in the year 1820, at Lochgilphead, Argyleshire, Scotland, within twenty miles of Inverary Castle, the famous residence of the Duke of Argyle. When 15 years of age, Capt. May began navigating with his father, and ever since then has "followed the sea." In 1847 he became master of a coasting vessel, and for nine years following sailed to various parts of the world. In 1856 he sailed for Canada and arrived at Port Stanley, where he now lives, when at home. Capt. May has in his time navigated all sorts of waters, both salt and fresh, and has been singularly successful in all his undertakings, having never yet met with a serious accident. He is still hale and hearty, and is always ready to go wherever the pursuit of his profession may lead him. Capt. May married Catherine McCallum in 1850, and has had a family of nine children, of whom seven are now living, viz., Malcolm, Daniel, Duncan, Christina, Angus, Robert and William. These all reside with their parents.

HUGH MCALPINE has 300 acres of land, situated on lots 30, 31 and 32, on the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, which he values at $24,000, and calls "Kilmartin Farm." He is a son of Neil McAlpine and Mary Galbraith, his wife, both natives of Argyleshire, Scotland, from whence they emigrated in 1830, and settled in Southwold, on the above property. Neil McAlpine died in 1875, aged 86 years, and Mrs. McAlpine passed away in 1881, at the age of 83. They reared eleven children, of whom the following still survive, viz., John, Donald, Neil, Hugh, Isabella, Margaret, Catherine, Nancy, Sarah and Christina. Mr. Neil McAlpine was instrumental in erecting the first Presbyterian Church built in St. Thomas, of which he was a trustee for thirty years. He was also a Justice of the Peace for some time. Mr. Neil McAlpine left surviving him fifty-five grandchildren, many of whom occupy important positions.

ALEXANDER MCGUGAN, lot 36, owns 290 acres on the North Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, which is worth about $15,000. His father, Neil, was brought by Donald McGugan, Alexander's grandfather, to the Township of Aldborough, County of Elgin, when a boy. Neil remained with his father until his marriage, and then took up a farm on the River Thames. This he lost, owing to a flaw in the title of the man from whom he purchased. He then moved back to Dunwich, and bought 50 acres, where he remained until 1850, when he came to Southwold, and settled upon the property now occupied by himself and sons. Neil, although 71 years of age, is smart and active. In 1873, Alexander, his son, married, and took up the land which he now lives upon. His wife's name was Mary N. Dunn, a native of Downie Township, County of Perth. Alexander was born in Dunwich, in 1836. Five children were born to him, viz., Beatrice Alice, Jennet Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Isabella Dunn and Florence May. Neil McGugan raised a family of ten children, viz., Mary, Daniel, Alexander, Florence, Elizabeth, John, Catherine, Jennet, Neil and Isabella. Two others died in infancy.

JAMES MEEK, JR., owns 358 acres of land, called "Maple Bank Farm," south of the Union Road, in the Township of Southwold, the property being worth about $20,000. Mr. Meek's father and mother, James and Jane, emigrated from Antrim County, Ireland, in 1818, and remained in Montreal for one year, after which they located in Southwold, where Mr. Meek died in 1833. The subject of our sketch was but young when he arrived in the township, but has grown up with it, has held some leading positions, and has accumulated considerable property. He has been Deputy Reeve and County Councillor, and is considered a man of much judgment and sagacity, He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in April, 1815, and in January, 1835, married Margaret Lodge, a native of the Niagara District, by whom he had seven sons and four daughters. Of these six are now living, viz., Jane, living at home with her parents; Edward, practising law in Toronto; Charles, at the Rocky Mountains, west of Calgary; Henry, practising medicine in Port Stanley; Arthur and George (twins), living at home and working on the farm. Thomas Lodge, Mrs. Meek's father, was a veteran of the War of 1812.

MALCOLM MUNRO, who has a farm of 550 acres, Mill Road, Township of Southwold, which he values at $25,000, was born in this township September 3rd, 1846. His father, John, and his grandfather, Neil, emigrated from Argyleshire, Scotland, and took up 800 acres of land in Southwold. John Munro married, February 10th, 1834, Mary Murray, and they had six children, viz., Nancy, Catherine, Sarah, Neil, Malcolm and Mary, all of whom reside in Elgin except Nancy, who is the wife of Colin Cameron, and lives in St. Louis. John Munro died in February, 1880. Malcolm Munro, besides being a farmer, deals largely in cattle. He is unmarried.

LAURA MCLEAN is a daughter of John McLean, who, it is needless to remark, comes of Scotch ancestry. Miss McLean is a school teacher by profession, and has been pursuing this avocation in the Township of Southwold for the past four years. She is at present teaching at Middlemarch. Her provincial certificate was obtained at the Normal School, Toronto, in 1884.

NEIL MUNRO has a fine property, consisting of 310 acres of land, on the West River Road, in the Township of Southwold, which is valued at $25,000. Mr. Munro's grandfather, whose name also was Neil, came to Canada with seven sons in 1827, and a daughter was born to him afterwards in the Township of Southwold. His seven sons were Daniel, John, Duncan, Neil, Colin, Archibald and Dugald, and his daughter's name was Mary. The subject of this sketch is a son of John, and was born in Southwold, July 12, 1845. He was married, October 5th, 1882, to Veda Buchanan, of Yarmouth, and they have had one child. Neil's father had six children, viz., Nancy, Catherine, Sarah, Neil, Malcolm and Mary. These are all living in the same neighborhood except Nancy, who is married to Colin Cameron, a merchant of St. Louis, Mo. The Munro family came to this country from Ireland. Mr. Neil Munro is an influential man in the township, and besides his farming interests, goes largely into cattle dealing.

JOHN MOGG first settled in the County Elgin, when it was principally covered with bush, in 1861. He was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1814, and married Mary Windsor, a native of the same county as himself, in 1855. They have had six children, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Mogg now owns 100 acres of lot 24, concession 2 of the Township of Aldborough, and has expended upon the land much care and labor. He is a man much respected by all who know him, and has served as a School Trustee for three years. His property is valued at $6,000.

DONALD MCLEAN is a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1819. On first coming to America, he settled in New Brunswick, where he remained for five years. He then removed to the State of Maine, but not liking that section, came to the Township of Aldborough, Elgin County, Ontario, where he purchased 200 acres of wild land, paying $3.00 per acre therefor. About six years afterwards Mr. McLean sold 100 acres of this property for $2,000, with which he purchased another bush farm. In 1852 he was married to Sarah Campbell, of Argyleshire, Scotland, and two sons were born of this union, viz., Archibald and Daniel. Mr.

McLean has now handed over the management of his farm to his sons, the land consisting of 250 acres of lot Y, concession A of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about $12,000, and is one of the finest homesteads in the County of Elgin.

NEIL MCLARTY, deceased, had a farm worth about $6,000, situate on lot 2, concession 3 of the Township of Alborough, and embracing 100 acres of good land. Mr. McLarty was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1810, and was brought to Canada, when 8 years of age, by his parents, Dugald and Mary, who had a family of four children, viz., Catherine, Dugald, Neil (the subject of this sketch) and Angus, the last named living in Michigan. It is said that Mr. McLarty, Sr., was the first of the early pioneers who was buried in this township. He met his death by drowning, while returning home in a small boat with provisions from a neighboring port, in company with Colin Ruthven, who was saved. Mr. Neil McLarty was married, in 1838, to Nancy Patterson, also of Argyleshire, and thirteen children were born to them, of whom eleven, viz., Mary, Duncan, Dugald, John, Angus, Archibald, Alexander, Isabella, Donald, Margaret and Neil, are now living. Mr. McLarty, when a young man, kept a distillery for some years, but afterwards turned his attention to farming, first settling in Mosa, and then removing to Aldborough. Mrs. McLarty is living on the old homestead, and is in her 68th year.

WILLIAM MOWBRAY is an American by birth, having been born in New York in 1830. He owns 70 acres of land on lot 19, in the 13th concession of the Township of Aldborough, the property being valued at about $3,500. Mr. Mowbray is a son of Robert and Ann Mowbray, who came to America from Dunfermline, Scotland, and landed in New York. After remaining there for a year, they moved to Chippewa, Welland County, Ontario. Mr. Mowbray, Sr., was a school teacher, but not finding this sufficiently remunerative, he took up land in Aldborough, and started farming. The subject of this sketch was married, in 1869, to Anna Campbell, a native of Aldborough, and they have had a family of five children, three of whom are now living, viz., Annie, James and Jennie. Mr. Mowbray and his brother are largely interested in "Eagle Dock," from whence large quantities of staves and lumber are shipped.

JOHN MARR came to Elgin County in 1851. He was born in Nova Scotia, in Digby County, about 1836. Mr. Marr now owns 50 acres of land on lot 2, concession 3 of the Township of Bayham, the property being worth about $2,500. He was married, in 1861, to Matilda Foster, of Walsingham Township, and they have had a family of three children, of whom two, viz., Clinton and Edward, are now living.

WILLIAM MCIVER owns 100 acres of land on lot 11, concession 6 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about $4,000. He was born in Ross-shire, Scotland, in March, 1836. In 1864 he married Jane Graham, of Middlesex County, Ontario, where she was born in 1839, and they have a family of five children, viz.,

Flora, Elizabeth Ann, Hugh, Archibald and Mary, all of whom are now living, the eldest being married and settled in Lobo Township. William McIver, Sr., our subject's father, came to Canada in 1845, and settled in Middlesex, with a family of seven, viz., Isabella, Janet, Jane, Ann, Hugh, William and Elizabeth, who are all living at present. Mr. McIver was one of the pioneers of Middlesex, and lived to be 75 years of age. His son William organized and kept the first post office in the locality where he lived, which was known as Ivan P. O., County of Middlesex. In 1884 he came to Aldborough Township, and located on his present farm. Mrs. McIver's parents are also among the first settlers of Middlesex.

JOHN MAHON owns 75 acres of land on lot 9, concession 5 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about $3,000. Mr. Mahon is a well known farmer and Township Councillor, and was born in London, Ont., in February, 1841. In 1874 he married Evangeline Spring, of Middlesex, and they have a family of four children. Samuel Mahon, the father of the subject of our sketch, was born in the County of Meath, Ireland, in 1795, and came to America in 1836, first locating in the County of Simcoe, Ont. He then came to London with his family of nine children, viz., Susan, Mary, Ann, William, Jane, Hannah, Margaret, Helen and John, all of whom are living at present. Mrs. John Mahon's father was born in the County of York, Ont., in 1830, and removed to Middlesex in 1851, where he still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Mahon's four children are named respectively William, Albert, Mary and Christina. The family are staunch adherents of the Methodist Church. Mr. Samuel Mahon died in the spring of 1874.

SAMUEL D. MCCURDY is a prosperous farmer, who owns 250 acres of land on lot 23, concession 2 of the Township of Bayham, the property being valued at $9,000. He was born in this township in May, 1836, and in 1869 married Elsie A. Stilwell, of Middleton Township, by whom he has five sons and one daughter. Our subject is a son of Richard and Sarah McCurdy, the former being a native of Vermont State, and the latter of Nova Scotia. Their family consisted of twelve children, six of whom, viz., Samuel D., William H., Jeanette, Mary Ann, Eliza and Frank, still survive.

BENJAMIN S. MCCALLUM has 156 acres of fine farming land on lot 2, concession 2 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $10,000. He was born in Nelson Township, Halton County, in 1836, and settled in Elgin in 1854. In 1861 he married Lydia Ann Hoover, of Malahide Township, and they had a family of five children, of whom four are now living. John and Eliza McCallum, the parents of Benjamin, came to Bayham from Halton County, and settled on lot 1, concession 2, where they took up 700 acres of land. They had a family of eight children, all of whom are now living and own this land, with the exception of about 200 acres.

ROBERT MOORE is a native of Lisbon County, New York State, where he was born in 1830. He now owns 125 acres of land on lot 3, concession 2 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $6,500. He first came to Elgin in

1843, and worked out as a farm hand for $6.00 per month. In 1855 he married Elsie Weaver, and seven children were born of the union, viz., Solonous, Henry, Harvey, Titus, Phœbe, Jane and Nellie, of whom six are now living. Mr. Moore came from the States with his parents in 1843, the family consisting of two sons and three daughters. They first located in the Township of Metcalfe, County of Middlesex.

ARCHIBALD MCKAY owns a farm of 150 acres of land on lot 11 in the Gore of the Township of Dunwich, which he values at $9,000. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, August 20th, 1800, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1860. He married Mary McMurchy in 1830, and they have had ten children, of whom eight are now living, viz., Catherine, Grace, Christina, Mary, Belle, Flora, John and Alexander. Our subject and his wife first came to Canada in 1842, and settled in the Township of King, York County; but after eighteen years, they removed to their present location. Mr. McKay's father and brother came with him to Canada, and settled in the Township of Collingwood. His father lived to a great age, 108 years, and when he was 100 years old could shoot a crow quite easily. He was an enthusiastic sportsman all his life, and his strength and activity were such that when a century old he was able to work on a grain stack. He never lost a tooth, and his eyesight never failed him up to the time of his death. Mr. Archibald McKay has inherited the energy and determination of his wonderful father.

ARCHIBALD MCVANNEL was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1816, and came to the County of Elgin in 1848. He was married, in 1863, to Mary McMillan, by whom he has had seven children, three sons and four daughters, viz., Jane, Margaret, Nancy, Mary, Duncan, Daniel and Peter. Mr. McVannel's farm is situated on lot 8, concession 4 of the Township of Dunwich, the property being valued at about $14,000. The subject of our sketch has now a very pleasant home, and possesses quite a library of books. His family are musical in their tastes, which study they take much interest in. Mr. McVannel's brother, Peter, resides with him, the two having shared the hardships of pioneer life together.

MALCOLM MCLEAN, lot A, 5th concession of the Township of Dunwich, owns 162 acres, his land being worth about $12,000. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1805, and first settled in Canada in 1837. His wife, Isabella, was also born in Argyleshire, and they were married in 1831. They had ten children, of whom seven, viz., Mary, Catherine, Neil, Daniel, Isabella, Malcolm and Flora, are now living. These all reside in Ontario, except Malcolm, who lives in British Columbia. Mr. McLean is in his 80th year, and, in spite of his great age, still enjoys good health. His wants are administered to by the members of his family and a grandson named Duncan, to whom he is much attached, and who has lived with him since childhood.

ROBERT MARCH came from Clackmannanshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1809, and settled in Elgin in 1844. He now owns 52 acres of lot 23 in the Gore of the Township of Dunwich, which he values at $3,500. In 1843 he married Jane

Milton, who was born in Trowbridge, England, and they have had ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Our subject first came to Dunwich as a school teacher, and followed that avocation for several years, after which he turned his attention to farming. Five of his children have sought homes in the States, the others residing in Canada. Mr. March is in his 76th year, but is yet hale and hearty.

JUDSON MILLIGAN is a native of Nova Scotia, where he was born in 1832. He now owns a fine farm of 100 acres, in lot 24, concession 5 (S of A) of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at $6,000. Mr. Milligan married Hannah Griffin, a native of this township, in 1852, and they had a family of eleven, of whom ten, eight sons and two daughters, are now living. Mr. Milligan was a Township Councillor for seven years, being elected in 1874. Alexander Milligan, the father of our subject, came to Canada from Ayrshire, Scotland, and married Mary Niles, a native of Nova Scotia. Seven of their children, viz., Fannie, Margaret, Mary, Hannah, Judson, Edward and Nancy, are now alive. Mr. Milligan, Sr., died in March, 1873, but Mrs. Milligan, who is in her 95th year, is still alive and well, although she has been deprived of her eyesight for the last seven years. Mr. Judson Milligan has been engaged in threshing for the last thirty-one years, and has never met with an accident.

ALEXANDER MCWILLIAMS has been farming in the County of Elgin since 1845, and is now the owner of 100 acres of land in lot 18, on the 3rd concession of the Township of Dunwich, his property being worth about $10,000. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1837, and was married, in 1869, to Agnes McDonald, also of Argyleshire. Their family consists of four children, two sons and two daughters, viz., Neil, Alexander, Agnes and Margaret. Alexander McWilliams, Sr., and Agnes Stewart, the father and mother of the subject of this sketch, were natives of Argyleshire, Scotland, and settled in Dunwich on their arrival in Canada.

DUNCAN MCARTHUR is a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, where he first saw the light in 1819. He settled in the County of Elgin in 1846, having in 1842 contracted a marriage with Catherine McKay, also of Argyleshire. Eight children were born to them, four of whom, viz., Christie, Jane, Mary and Daniel, survive. Mr. McArthur farms 150 acres of land in lot 16, on the 5th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which he values at about $10,000. He may be considered one of the pioneers of the township, and is now enjoying the fruits of years of toil.

MALCOLM MCINTYRE was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1829, and settled in this country in 1830. He now owns 250 acres of land in the Township of Dunwich, the property being worth about $20,000. He was married, in 1854, to Janet Gunn, a native of the township. Their family consists of eight children, five sons and three daughters, viz., Daniel, Benjamin, Eliza, Annie, Neil, Archibald, George and Mary Jane. Of these, Daniel, Benjamin, Eliza and Annie are living in Manitoba. Mr. McIntyre has erected fine buildings on his farm, which is one of the best in the county.

PETER MCPHERSON, lot 7, concession 1 of the Township of Dunwich, is a farmer, and owns 650 acres of land, valued at $40,000. He was born near Long Point in 1820, and was married, in 1852, to Elizabeth McCallum, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland. Seven sons and two daughters, viz., Archibald, Daniel, Duncan, John, Elizabeth, Hector, Grace, Peter and David, were born to them, all of whom are now living with or near their parents, with the exception of Hector, who is in the North-West. Daniel McPherson and Grace Banderman, the father and mother of our subject, came to this country from Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and first settled at New Glasgow, in Aldborough Township. They had eight children, five of whom, viz., Peter, Hector, Janet, Anna and Catherine, are now living. Mr. McPherson has been a Township Councillor for the last two years.

ALEXANDER MCPHAIL has 100 acres of land in lot 21, on the 5th concession of the Township of Dunwich, valued at $7,000. He was born in this township in 1844, and has never been married. John McPhail and Mary Patterson, the parents of our subject, were among the early settlers in this township, and cleared the land now occupied by their son Alexander. They had eight children, of whom there are five, viz., Alexander, Sarah, John, Richard and Eliza, now living.

DUNCAN MCKILLOP owns 250 acres of land on the 7th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at $20,000. He is a native of the township, and was born in 1840. He married Mary McIntyre, January 14th, 1868, by whom he had seven children, one son and six daughters. Archibald McKillop and Nancy Leach, the parents of our subject, came to Canada from Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1819, and settled in Aldborough Township. After five years they removed to Dunwich. Mr. McKillop the elder died in 1879, and his wife in 1883. They had nine children, of whom four, viz., Catherine, Sarah, Nancy and Duncan, are now living. Duncan McKillop is one of the largest stock-raisers in the township, and cultivates the farm formerly occupied by his father.

DUNCAN MCPHAIL farms 250 acres, partly in lot 20, on the 8th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at $20,000. He was born in this township in 1832, and has been a Township Councillor for six years, and also a magistrate for a considerable period. Mr. McPhail has never been married. His father and mother, Alexander McPhail and Sarah McClaven, came to Canada from Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1819, and settled in Aldborough Township, remaining there about six years, and then came to Dunwich. They had twelve children, of whom five, viz., Hugh, Duncan, Daniel, Elizabeth and Jennie, survive.

NEIL MCINTYRE, lot A, concession 8, Dunwich Township, is a farmer by occupation, and owns 250 acres of land, which he values at $20,000. He was born in the same township, January 12th, 1837, and has been a J. P. since 1882. He was married, July 6th, 1869, to Margaret A. Eaton, of Middlesex County, by whom he has two children, Martha and Anna May. Neil McIntyre and Nancy his wife, the parents of the subject of this sketch, came to Canada from Argyleshire, Scotland, in

1829, settling in Dunwich Township. They had nine children, of whom five are now living. Mrs. McIntyre's parents, David Eaton and Martha Neyzer, came to Canada from Ireland about 1833, and settled in Middlesex. They had eight children, of whom five are now living. Mr. McIntyre has devoted for some time considerable attention to stock-raising, and is now President of the Dunwich and Southwold Branch Agricultural Society.

George Nott emigrated from Devonshire, England, in 1857, and settled at Port Talbot, Dunwich Township, where he farmed for some time. In 1875 he purchased the property upon which he now lives, viz., 100 acres of land on lot 8, Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, valued at $8,000, which is called "Maple Park Farm." Mr. Nott was born in Devonshire in 1830, and in 1857 married Alice Harris, also of Devonshire, by whom he has had six sons and one daughter, viz.: Harry, farmer, born 1858; John, born 1859, at home on farm; William Gordon, born 1861, hardware merchant in Sarnia, Ont.; George, born 1863, farmer, at home; Edwin, born 1868; Frederick, born 1870; Alice Rebecca, born 1876, at home.

Richard Nevills, deceased, owned 100 acres of land on lot 21, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, which is at present worth about $4,000. He was born at Niagara in 1837, and settled in Elgin about 1855. He was married, in 1867, to Marion McCurdy, of the Township of Bayham, and had by her four children, three of whom are now living. Our subject was a son of James and Mary Nevills, and when he first came to the County of Elgin, it was principally bush land. Mr. Nevills died in March, 1884.

Henry Olver has 140 acres of land on lot 8 on the second range east of the River Road, in the Township of Southwold, which he has named "Hill Crest," and values at $14,000. Mr. Olver is a son of Thomas Olver, of Devonshire, England, where our subject was born in December, 1812. In 1841, Henry, William and James Olver emigrated to Canada and settled in Yarmouth Township, Henry, after thirty years' residence there, moving to Southwold to his present location. John, a brother of Henry, came to this country in 1835, but both he and James have since died. William is still living on a farm in Southwold. Henry Olver, in 1838, married Fannie Brown in his native county in England, and one daughter has been born of this union. The latter is now the wife of Henry Joyner.

Benjamin Phillips calls his place "Treelawn Farm." It comprises 200 acres on lot 30, Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, which is worth about $16,000. His father, Edward Phillips, was pressed into the marine service in 1806, in Scotland, and was taken to India, under Rear-Admiral Hoare, where he remained six years. When the Dutch War of 1806 ceased, he was again pressed into the British service, and served through the American War of 1812-13. At the conclusion of this conflict, Mr. Phillips went into the ship rigging business in the City of St. John, N.B., for several years, during which time he was married to Mary Bailey, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Bailey, a minister of the Baptist Church. Nine children were born of this

marriage. Edward Phillips came to Toronto, Ont., in 1832, but in 1837 moved to the Township of Pickering. Mr. Benjamin Phillips, who was born in St. John in 1820, first took up land in Ontario County, but after a residence there of twenty-eight years, moved to his present location. He married, in 1844, Amanda Lynde, of Whitby Township, and they had sixteen children, nine sons and seven daughters, of whom the following are still living, viz., Mary Louisa, Maggie, Sylvester, Amanda, James, Benjamin, Hector, Hester, Maurice, Charles and Mabel. These all reside in Ontario, except Hector, who is in Dakota, and James, who has gone to Illinois. Mr. Benjamin Phillips has been a captain of militia, and is a Justice of the Peace.

Job Pickett comes from Sussex, England, where he was born in July, 1836. He now occupies a farm worth about $8,000, on lot 2, concession B of the Township of Southwold. Mr. Job Pickett is a son of Job Pickett, Sr., who was born in England in 1819, and who had a family of eighteen children, of whom his son Job was the eldest. The latter came to Canada in 1871, and first settled in Yarmouth Township, County Elgin, thence removing seven years later to Southwold. He was married, July 31st, 1858, to Emilia Streater, of Sussex, England, but they have no children.

Edward N. Preston is the owner of 75 acres of land on lot 1, concession B of the Township of Southwold, which he calls "Forest Rose," and values at $6,000. Mr. Preston is a son of Noble Preston, who emigrated from Ireland in 1832, and came to Quebec, where he was a contractor on the Rideau Canal for about four years. He then moved to Elgin County, landing at Port Stanley, and settled on lot 1, concession A, where he farmed until his death in 1867. Noble Preston had twelve children, but several died in infancy. The subject of this sketch is the only one of his sons now living; the following daughters, however, still survive, viz., Margaret, Jane Ann, Esther, Mary, Sarah and Fanny. Mr. Edward N. Preston was born in Southwold in October, 1842, and was married in December, 1872, to Susan Ordish, who was born at St. Thomas in May, 1852. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

Henry Palmer was born in Middlesex, England, in 1829, and settled in the County of Elgin, Ont., about 1845. He owns a farm of 200 acres in lot 23, concession 5 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $4,000. In 1867 Mr. Palmer married Almeda Weaver, of Chippewa, Ont., and they have had seven children, six of whom are now living.

Leonard Pranglen was born in Wiltshire, England, in June, 1821, and settled in Canada in the same month thirty years later. He was married in February, 1857, to Ellen Fitzgerald, of County Waterford, Ireland, by whom he had three children. Mr. Noah Pranglen, father of Leonard, was married four times, and the subject of this sketch is a son of his second wife. He had altogether eight children, viz., James, Josiah, Louisa, Caroline, Leonard, William, Sarah, and one deceased in infancy. Leonard's three children are named respectively William, Sarah and Leonard. When

Mr. Leonard Pranglen first came to Canada, he settled at Stony Mills, in Prince Edward County, Ont.; he then moved to Picton, and after remaining there for a year, came to St. Thomas, where he resided three years. Taking up a farm near St. Thomas, he worked it for some time, and then moved to his present property, which consists of 100 acres on lot 3, concession C of the Township of Southwold. This he has occupied for the past nine years. Mrs. Pranglen was married twice, and by her first husband, Thomas Karesey, had three children, Mary, Alice and Thomas, all of whom are now living.

Josiah Palmer owns 100 acres of land on lot 23, concession 4 of the Township of Bayham, which is valued at $2,000. He was born in Middlesex, England, about 1835, and settled in Canada ten years later. In 1864 Mr. Palmer married Jane Ramsey, of Ireland. Mr. Palmer's parents, Thomas and Ann, when they first came to America, settled in the State of Ohio, where they resided for three years, and then removed to Ontario. Their family consisted of seven children, six of whom are now living.

Frederick Prong is a German by birth, the place of his nativity being Mecklenburg, Germany, where he was born about 1836. He came to Elgin in 1861, and now owns 97 acres of lot 25, in the 1st concession of Bayham Township. He married Jane Chapman, a native of this township, in 1871, and they have one son, Edward. Mr. Prong first came to Canada in 1857, and located in Paris, Brantford County, afterwards removing to Elgin. His farm is in a good state of cultivation, and is worth about $3,000.

John Patterson has a farm worth $10,000 on lot 23, concession 4, Township of Dunwich, consisting of 195 acres of good arable land. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1807, and first came to the County of Elgin in 1839. Mr. Patterson was married twice. By his first wife, Betsy, he had four children, and by his second, Margaret, ten. Of these seven are now alive, viz., Christina, Duncan, Daniel, Kate, Isabella, Annie and John. On coming to Canada, Mr. Patterson first settled in Lower Canada, where he lived for about a year. He then removed to the County of Middlesex, and after spending four years there, came to the Township of Dunwich, a little south of where he now lives. He remained there about fifteen years, and then located on his present farm. Mr. Patterson has thus cleared for himself three farms, and has experienced many hardships; but although 78 years of age, he is still smart and active.

John Paton was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1815, and first settled in Elgin in 1850. He now owns 100 acres of lot 15, in the 2nd concession of the Township of Dunwich, which is worth about $7,000. In 1852 he married Rose McCorkindale, also of Argyleshire, and they had nine children, of whom six, viz., Angus, Kate, Daniel, Margaret, John and Betsy, are now alive. The country was an unbroken forest when Mr. Paton first took up land, but it has changed into a smiling landscape since then.

THOMAS PEARCE was born March 28th, 1833, and is a most prosperous farmer. He owns 254 acres of land in lots A, B and C, on the 9th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which he holds at a value of $20,000. Mr. Pearce was wedded January 19th, 1865, to Marinda Williams, a native of the same township, and daughter of Samuel Williams and Harriet Waters, settlers of 1841. They have no family. Mr. Pearce is the eldest son of William Pearce and Ann Moorhouse, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

WILLIAM PEARCE has a farm of 200 acres in lot 11, concession 8 of the Township of Dunwich, which he calls "Fairwood," and which is valued at $12,000. He was born in the State of Pennsylvania April 28th, 1805, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1809. He was married February 4th, 1831, to Ann Moorhouse, a native of the County of Wexford, Ireland, and had a family consisting of two sons and five daughters. Of these, Thomas, Jane, John L., Eliza, Mary and Sarah, are now living. Mrs. Pearce died in 1875. Mr. Pearce, who is now in his 80th year, though not in the best of health, still wields an axe, and tells many stories of his early pioneer life. When he first came to Dunwich the wolves and bears were very numerous.

JONAS PAGE lives on 65 acres of land, which he very appropriately calls "Pleasant View," on lot 3, in the 10th concession of the Township of Dunwich. He was born in Oxfordshire, England, November 18th, 1815, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1845. He was married in England in 1838 to Esther Hirons, of Warwickshire, by whom he had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Of these, six, viz., William, James, Joseph, Jonas, Sarah and Ellen, are now living. Losing his first wife, Mr. Page married Susan Swisher, whose maiden name was Dawson, and who was born in the County of Northumberland, in this Province, March 9th, 1823. In 1862 Mr. Page started an ashery on his farm, which proved very remunerative; it was the first of the kind in the township. The Government, in the fall of 1884, opened a fishery on Mr. Page's property, which has turned out a great success. Mr. Page, although 70 years of age, is still hale and hearty. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for forty-five years, and also belongs to the Elgin County Bee Keepers' Association. He served as a School Trustee for six years.

JOHN PEARCE, lot 10, concession 10, Dunwich Township, is the owner of 320 acres of land. He was born in this locality on November 14th, 1818. Mr. Pearce's father was a native of Rhode Island, and came to Canada in 1809; he married Frances Patterson. John Pearce was married, in 1840, to Eliza Moorhouse, a native of the County of Wexford, Ireland, and of this marriage four sons and two daughters were born. Six of the former are now living. Joseph resides with his parents; Thomas on a farm adjoining; John is a seed merchant in London; and William holds the position of Government Land Commissioner in the North-West.

JABEL ROBINSON is the owner of "Linsdale Farm," which covers 200 acres of lot 29, south of the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, and which is worth about $14,000. He is a son of William Robinson and Mary Cleave., his wife, who

lived and died in England. Jabel was born in Buckinghamshire, England, December 11th, 1831, and emigrated to Canada in the spring of 1856. He first settled in St. Thomas, where he worked as a carpenter and joiner until 1864. He then began dealing in lumber, which he continued doing until 1871, when he purchased the property upon which he now lives. He married in June, 1854, Caroline Barnwell, of Woburn, Bedfordshire, England, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Hattie, who teaches in the Central School, St. Thomas; William C., employed on the Rocky Mountain Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Charles B., a veterinary surgeon, now practising in Wheeling, West Va.; Jesse D., a graduate of the Ontario School of Agriculture, Guelph, who farms with his father; Sarah, Kate and Franklin J.; the last three named never having left home. Mrs. Jabel Robinson died December 18th, 1884. She was a daughter of Joseph Barnwell, who was head gardener for Lord Charles Russell, in England. Mr. Jabel Robinson was a Councillor of St. Thomas for three years, and was Master of the Provincial Grange for two years, and of the Dominion Grange for the same length of time.

William Roberts is an Englishman, having been born in Somersetshire, England, in 1822. In 1832 John and Ann Roberts, the parents of the subject of these remarks, came to the County of Elgin, Ontario, bringing with them a family of seven children, of whom five, viz., Mary, Edward, Robert, Ann and Catherine, are now alive. Mr. William Roberts, in 1853, was married to Jemima Bundy, a native of Wiltshire, England. He now owns 50 acres of land on lot 20, concession 5 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $1,500.

Alexander Ross has 150 acres of fine land on lot 24, concession A of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at about $9,000. He was born in Glengarry, Upper Canada, in 1827, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1834. In 1850 he married Jane Lumley, by whom he has had three children, two of whom, viz., William and Herman, are now living. William Ross and Isabella Smith, the father and mother of our subject, came to this township from Glengarry County, first settling near Port Talbot, where they remained about ten years, and then moved to the farm upon which their son Alexander now resides. Their family consisted of thirteen children, of whom eleven still survive.

George Silcox owns 100 acres of land on lot 4, north of Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, which he calls "Hillside Farm," and values at $6,000. He is a son of Rev. Joseph Silcox and Mary Gutch, his wife. The former was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1793, and died in 1874. Mrs. Joseph Silcox was born in 1785, and died in 1855. Rev. Joseph Silcox established the first Congregational church in Canada, in the affairs of which he always took the deepest interest. He had a family of six children, viz.: Noah, deceased, was Superintendent of Public Schools in Elgin County; William, farmer, near Shedden; Annie, deceased; James, resident of Iona; George, farmer, subject of this sketch; Fanny, deceased, was married to Richard Kettlewell. George Silcox was married, first, to Hannah Lodge, in 1848, by whom he had three children, of whom Matthew, a farmer in Southwold, is the sole survivor.

Mrs. Silcox dying in March, 1855, Mr. Silcox, in 1857, married Hannah Clark, daughter of John Clark, of Dunwich, by whom he had five children, viz.: Edgar, farmer in Southwold; Arthur, farmer, with parents; Annie, resides at home; Sidney, Public School teacher, educated at St. Thomas; and Rachel, who lives at home.

JOHN SANDERS owns 100 acres of land on lot 24, on the Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, which is worth about $6,000. He is a son of Lawrence Sanders, and was born in 1843, in Devonshire, England. He was married, in 1869, to Mary Tubb Earl, of Cornwall, England, and they have had five children, two sons and three daughters, viz.: Frederick Lawrence, Edith Agnes, Mary Elizabeth, Alice Caroline and William John, all of whom reside at home. John Sanders came out from England in 1869, and settled in the Village of Aurora, County of York, where he worked at the milling business for one year. He then acted as head miller in St. Thomas, and afterwards removed to Fingal, where he continued at the same occupation for five years. Leaving Fingal, he settled in 1876 on the farm which he now occupies, and which he has ever since worked.

FREDERICK HUGH AMHERST SHARON is a son of Thomas Sharon, a native of Redstone, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1798. At the age of 5 years Thomas was brought by his parents to Niagara District, where he remained until he was 18, and then settled on the farm now occupied by the subject of our sketch. He died in 1883, at the age of 84 years. Thomas Sharon had three sons and five daughters, of whom the following are alive, viz.: Thomas Sturgeon, John Sutton, Eliza Ann, Sarah Ellen, Frederick Hugh Amherst, Frances Harriet and Margaret Clarissa. The three sons reside in Elgin County, and the daughters are all married, as follows: Mary Jane, to Joseph Sifton; Eliza Ann, to Thomas Humphries, who lives on Talbot Street Road, between St. Thomas and Fingal; Sarah Ellen, to Frederick J. Payne, of the same township; Frances Harriet, to Dugald Graham, who is manager of the Williams Manufacturing Co., and lives in Montreal; and Margaret Clarissa, to Dr. Wm. Barber, of Waverley, Iona. Frederick Hugh Amherst Sharon was married, in 1873, to Annie Isabella Gregory, daughter of William Gregory, of Lincoln County, and they have one son and two daughters. Mr. Sharon is a Justice of the Peace, and owns 200 acres of land on lot 29, north of the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, which is known as "Sharon Dale Farm."

TRUMAN SILCOX, son of Daniel and Rhoda Silcox, is a native of the Township of Southwold, having been born there, July 26th, 1832. Daniel Silcox was born in Wiltshire, England, and when he first came to Southwold entered the employ of Col. Talbot, through whom he obtained grants of Government land. He died in 1865. Mrs. Daniel Silcox was a native of Pennsylvania, and was brought by her parents to Norfolk County, Ont., when quite young. Her maiden name was Garney. Daniel and Rhoda Silcox have seven children, of whom the following are now living, viz., Truman, Thomas, Daniel, Mary and Charles. These all reside in the County of Elgin, except Thomas, who is in Michigan. Truman Silcox was married Feb. 8th, 1865, to Sarah E. Wilson. Of this marriage four sons have been born, who are all

dead, with the exception of one named Leslie Wilson, who resides with his parents. Mrs. Truman Silcox is a daughter of Robert Wilson, a native of St. Thomas. Mr. Silcox has a nice place of 100 acres on lot 31, north of the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, which he calls "Treelawn Farm," and which is worth about $7,500.

James Stevenson has a farm of 50 acres of land on lot 10, on the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, valued at $4,000. His parents, Robert and Elizabeth, emigrated from Scotland in 1833, and settled in Southwold, obtaining land from Col. Burwell. He died in 1870, having had a family of eight children. James Stevenson was born in 1814, in Stirlingshire, Scotland, and married, in 1842, Eliza Williams, of Southwold Township. They had a family of two sons and one daughter, viz.: Robert, a mechanic, who lives at Tyrconnel, Elgin County; John E., professor of music, Comber, Ont.; Mary Ann, married Charles Benedict, farmer, of Southwold. Mr. Stevenson, after the death of his first wife, in 1877, married Elizabeth Milton, daughter of John Milton, and she died August 29th, 1884. Mr. James Stevenson was a teacher of music for a considerable time.

Henry Sharon owns 200 acres of land, called "Mount Sharon Farm," on lot 28, north of Talbot Street, Southwold Township, which he values at $20,000. Henry Sharon is the son of Hugh Sharon, a veteran of 1812, who came from Pennsylvania to Niagara District, and after remaining there several years, moved to Southwold in 1816, and settled on the above mentioned property. Hugh Sharon died in October, 1876. He was among the early settlers of Southwold, and secured his farm from Col. Talbot when it was a dense forest. He had a family of eight children, of whom the following still are living, viz., Jane, Mary Ann, Sarah, Henry, the subject of our sketch, and Caroline, who is the wife of David Wallace, and resides in Brantford. Henry Sharon was born in June, 1833, in Southwold, and married in September, 1857, Hannah McPherson, daughter of Alexander McPherson, of Dunwich Township, by whom he has had three sons and two daughters, viz., Isabella S., William F., Hugh Alexander, Charles Henry and Jennie M., who are all alive, and reside at home with their parents.

William Smith was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1838, and first settled in Elgin County in 1869. When he came to Canada he located in Norfolk County, but after spending nine years there, went to Elgin. He now owns 175 acres on lot 25, concession 4 of the Township of Bayham, his property being worth about $6,000. Mr. Smith, in 1863, married Frances E. Martin, who was born in Bayham in 1847, and they have had five children, viz., James J., John E., George C., William F. and Walter B.

Charles H. Smith has 54 acres on lot 16, in the 1st concession of the Township of Bayham, his property being worth about $3,000. He was born in Malahide Township in 1852, and in 1882 married Rachel E. Marr, of the same locality. Mr. Smith is of industrious habits, and will undoubtedly yet rank among the leading farmers of Bayham.

JOSEPH SPACKMAN was born in Wiltshire, England, February 15th, 1829. His father, Wm. Spackman, was born in 1790, and came to Canada in 1830, choosing for his future home the Township of Southwold. He first settled on a farm one and a half miles east of Talbotville, where his son Joseph cut the first tree. After living there nine years, Joseph removed in 1850 to the place which he now occupies. His farm comprises 185 acres of land in lot E, being the north branch of Talbot Street, on the gravel road leading to London. Mr. Joseph Spackman was married to Miss Jane Risdon, of Devonshire, England, March 20th, 1855, by whom he has twelve children. The Spackmans are descended from John Hoper Taunton, a well known clothing manufacturer of England. The subject of these remarks is a deacon of the Baptist Church, St. Thomas, and is much respected by all who know him. In the Rebellion of 1837 the Spackman farm was the headquarters of a division of soldiers six hundred strong.

DUNCAN SOMERVILLE, who was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in January, 1821, owns a farm of 200 acres in lot 10, concession 6 of the Township of Aldborough. He was married in Scotland in 1839 to Catherine Morrison, and they have had a family of five sons and five daughters, viz., Robert, William, Duncan, Thomas, John, Amelia, Jane, Catherine, Isabella and Grace, of whom eight live in this country and two have gone to California. All Mr. Somerville's sons are farmers, and are doing well. The youngest is 22 years of age, and lives at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Somerville belong to the Presbyterian Church. They are pioneers in every sense, and have witnessed many improvements in the County of Elgin since they first came there in 1843.

ANTHONY SULEY, deceased, was born in Nova Scotia in 1795, and settled in Bayham Township in 1821, where he became possessed of 100 acres of land, lot 5, concessions 1 and 2. He married Eleanor Saxton, of Nova Scotia, and the union was blessed with ten children, five of whom are now living, viz., Catharine, George, Mahitable, Margaret and Arlo. Mr. Suley, like many other men who came to this settlement at that early date, had to hew for himself a home, and suffer the hardships incident to a pioneer life.

ALEXANDER SAXTON owns 240 acres in the 1st concession of the Township of Bayham, which he values at $20,000. He was born in this township in 1817, and is a son of William and Margaret Saxton, who came to Bayham from Nova Scotia in 1811. Mr. Saxton, in 1840, was married to Hannah Haines, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1818. They have had six children, four of whom are now living, viz., George, Swaine E., Albert and Haines. Mr. Saxton is living on the homestead settled on by his father.

DAVID STEWART was born in Kintyre, Scotland, in 1824, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1849. He now owns 225 acres of good farming land in the 2nd concession of the Township of Dunwich, valued at $15,000. He was married, in 1866, to Catherine Wilkinson, also a native of Kintyre. They have five children,

viz., Duncan, Neil, Findlay, Kate and David. Duncan Stewart, the father of David, died a few days after his arrival in Canada many years ago. Mr. Stewart has worked hard, and has improved his fine farm until it is now one of the best to be seen anywhere.

JAMES SLOAN owns a farm of 250 acres, concession 9 of the Township of Dunwich, which is valued at $20,000. He was born in the County of Derry, Ireland, in 1822, and settled in Canada in 1853. He married Agnes Lackey, of the County of Antrim, Ireland, February 13th, 1868, by whom he had seven children. Three of them, named respectively William, Catherine and John, are now living. Mr. Sloan, who is now in his 64th year, is looked upon as one of the most successful of the early settlers of the township.

THOMAS SLOAN has 100 acres of fine land in lot 20 of the 9th concession of the Township of Dunwich, which he calls "Beach Dell," and values at $8,000. He was born in the County of Derry, Ireland, May 24th, 1824, and first settled in Canada in 1853. He was married January 8th, 1855, to Nancy Malone, also of the County of Derry, and seven children blessed their union. Of these only two, viz., Thomas and Agnes, are now living. Mr. Sloan was a pioneer settler, and came to the section where he now lives when clearings were few and far between. He now lives in a comfortable brick residence, surrounded by a fine orchard, and with ample barns adjacent.

WILLIAM TAYLOR is a son of George Taylor and Elizabeth Clixby, his wife, who emigrated from Lincolnshire, England, in 1810, and settled in Southwold on the farm now occupied by their son William. George Taylor had a family of seven children. The place owned by William Taylor comprises 150 acres of land on lot 3, concession 2 of the Township of Southwold, which he calls "Maple Grove Farm," and values at $9,000. William is a native of Southwold, where he was born in 1825, and, in 1849, married Eleanor Foster, who was born in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, in 1827. Five children were born to them, viz.: Amelia, who married Robert Jones, a farmer of Southwold; George William, who lives in Essex Centre; Emma Jane, at home; Ella, also at home; and Julia, deceased. Mrs. Wm. Taylor is a daughter of Ralph Foster, of New Brunswick, who settled in Southwold in 1848. William Taylor's father was one of the early pioneers, having obtained his farm from Col. Burwell, which he occupied until his death, in 1862. William, his son, has been farming the old homestead since 1855.

JAMES TURNER owns a farm of 100 acres on lot 7, 3rd range north of Lake Road, Township of Southwold, which is valued at $7,000, and is called "Apple Grove Farm." His parents were born at Lochgilphead, Scotland, his father in 1783, and his mother in 1785. His father died in 1876, and his mother in 1878, both at the age of 83 years. They settled in Southwold Township in 1833, on property now occupied by their sons. They had ten children, as follows: John, farmer in Dunwich; Sarah, married to Matthew Young; Christina, married to William Day,

resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Mary, married to Duncan Campbell, farmer of Southwold; Jennet, married to Malcolm McLean, farmer, of Aldborough Township; Nancy, married to Peter Spence, farmer in Orford Township, Kent County; Daniel, resides on old homestead; Isabella, deceased; James, the subject of this sketch, who settled on his present farm in 1865, and one child who died in infancy. James Turner was born in 1832 in Glengarry Township, Leeds County, and married Mary McKillop, a native of Southwold Township, in 1866. They have one son, who lives at home.

William Trennum Keillor is a son of William Keillor and Nancy Williams, his wife, both natives of Nova Scotia, where they farmed for some years, and afterwards came to Southwold. William Keillor died in Michigan in 1872, and Mrs. Keillor died in 1864. William T. Keillor has a farm of 250 acres on lots 6 and 7, on the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, valued at $15,000. He was born in Nova Scotia, January, 1833, and came to Elgin County in 1837. He was married, in 1856, to Ruth Lumley, of Dunwich Township, and had by her ten children, five sons and five daughters, viz.: Esther Ann, married to Elijah Lock, farmer, of Southwold; Mary Catherine, married to John McClanders; David Wellington, deceased; James Wesley, lives at home; Charles Hallam, William Trennum, Louisa Caroline, Emma Jane, Jessie Alberta and Samuel Austin. Mrs. William T. Keillor is a daughter of Thomas Lumley and Christiana Willey, who were early settlers in Dunwich Township.

John A. Turner is the owner of a fine farm, comprising 300 acres of land, which he calls "Maple Grove," in the third concession of the Township of Southwold. The property is in a fine state of cultivation, and is worth about $20,000. Mr. Turner's parents, Angus and Margaret, came from Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1843, and settled in Southwold. Their family consisted of six children, viz.: Isabella, who married Duncan Gordon; Mary, Margaret, Duncan, John and Donald. Our subject was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1836, and in 1858 married Jane McGachy, by whom he has had eight children, viz.: Margaret, born 1863; Robert, born 1865; Angus, born 1867; William John, born 1870; Duncan, born 1872; Allison, born 1875; Christina, born 1879; and Donald Ernest, born 1883.

William John Travers is the owner of 100 acres of arable land on lot 46, on the north branch of the Talbot Road, in the Township of Southwold, valued at about $10,000. He was born in the Township of East Gwillimbury, County of York, Ont. Mr. Travers, in 1882, was married to Julia Bowlby, daughter of Alexander and Susannah Bowlby, who settled in Southwold in 1818, where they have resided ever since. Of this union one child has been born. The subject of our sketch is a son of Richardson Travers, who settled in the Township of Southwold in 1869.

James L. Terry, living on lot 1, concession 13 of Aldborough Township, is a large land-owner, and has 577 acres which are worth about $22,000. Mr. Terry was born in the Township of Whitchurch, in this Province, in 1820, and settled in Elgin

in 1877. He married Eliza Rowe, of Toronto Township, in 1848, and nine children were born to them, of whom seven are now living, viz.: Mary Eleanor, Ann, Christopher, James Jackson, Hamilton, Edwin and Eunice. All of these reside in Canada, except Christopher, who is engaged in business in Crookston, Minn. Mr. Terry's father and mother, Moses and Jemima, were among the early pioneers of Canada, and were known as Pennsylvania Quakers, having come from that State to Whitchurch in 1798.

James Timmons has a farm of 100 acres of land, valued at $5,000, on lot 6, concession 2 of the Township of Bayham. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1830, and in 1836 was brought by his parents, Michael and Elizabeth, to this township. Their family consisted of four children, of whom three, Sylvester, Robert and James, are now living. In 1866 James Timmons married Sarah E. Dakin, also a Nova Scotian, and they have had three children, two sons and one daughter.

Robert Thomson was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1815, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1851. He now owns 300 acres of land, partly in lot 21, concession 3 of the Township of Dunwich, which he values at $18,000. He was married, in 1839, to Christina Morrison, also from Argyleshire, and they have had eight children, of whom four are now living, viz., John, Daniel, Duncan and Annie. John Thomson and Jane Morrison, the father and mother of our subject, came to Canada from Argyleshire in 1843, and also had a family of eight children, of whom five still survive. Mr. Robert Thomson is now verging into the decline of life, having witnessed the great changes which follow the labor of the early pioneer.

John Turner, who owns 100 acres of land on lot 18, concession 2 of the Township of Dunwich, is a Scotchman, having been born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1821. He settled in the County of Elgin in 1824, and married Nancy McCallum, also of Argyleshire, in 1851. They had twelve children, of whom eight, viz., John, Margaret, Sarah, Hugh, Duncan, Alexander, Isabella and Donald, are living. In early life Mr. Turner was a sailor, but deciding to abandon the sea, he came to Canada as mentioned above, and is now in very prosperous circumstances. His farm is worth about $6,000.

James Thomson, lot 14, concession A, Township of Dunwich, has a farm of 250 acres, valued at $15,000. He was born in Lower Canada in 1846, and settled here the following year. He married Margaret Corneil, of Middlesex County, in 1874, and they have two children. William Thomson and Ellen Hood, the parents of our subject, came to Canada from Clackmannanshire, Scotland, in 1827, first settling in the Province of Quebec. They had five children, of whom three, viz., John, William and James, are now living. The land occupied by Mr. James Thomson was the original old homestead.

J. N. Vanamburgh has 100 acres of land on lot 4, on the 1st concession of the Township of Bayham, valued at $10,000. He was born in this township in 1821, and in 1844 married Nancy Elliott, who was born in the same locality in

1826. They have had five children, of whom two, Belle and Luther, are now living. Mr. Vanamburgh's parents, James and Phœbe, came to Bayham from Nova Scotia in 1812, and settled on the property where their son now lives. Their family consisted of six children, of whom only two survive, viz.: Jane, living in Michigan; and James, the subject of this sketch. The farm which the latter occupies is one of the finest to be seen in the county.

Abraham Waugh is a son of William Waugh and Letitia Bodine, his wife. William Waugh was born in 1789, near Glasgow, Scotland, and emigrated to the County of Middlesex, Ont., in 1805, where he resided ten years, and then settled on a farm in Shedden, which he obtained from Col. Talbot. After locating at Shedden he taught school for several years, and was noted for his generosity to early settlers, although on starting he was by no means rich himself, his possessions being limited to a couple of axes! William Waugh, in 1829, married Letitia Bodine, daughter of Abraham Bodine, a native of Pennsylvania who settled in Southwold in the early part of the century. Mr. and Mrs. William Waugh had a family of eight children. Abraham Waugh is the possessor of the old Waugh homestead, consisting of 150 acres of land on lots 13 and 16, on the North Talbot Road, and valued at $13,000. He was born 24th January, 1843, and married in May, 1873, Mary McAlpine, who was born in Southwold, November, 1852. They have had five children, viz.: Adulla Venetta, born February 19, 1874; Sirhilton, born October 17, 1877; Charles Austin, born January 7, 1884; and two others who died in infancy.

Wilson Wallace is a son of John Wallace and Elizabeth Wilson, his wife. The former emigrated from Scotland, came to Southwold, and settled on the farm now occupied by his son Wilson in 1812. This property consists of 150 acres of land, on lots 5, 6 and 9, on the Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, which is worth about $10,000, and is called "Evergreen Avenue." John Wallace was one of the pioneers of Southwold, and died in 1852. Wilson Wallace was born October 23rd, 1835, in Southwold, and was married December 24th, 1864, to Hannah Lowther, of Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, where she was born in 1837. They have no children. Mr. Wilson Wallace has been President of the Agricultural Society of Dunwich and Southwold. His mother, Mrs. John Wallace, came of U. E. Loyalist stock, her parents settling in Berlin Township in 1776, where they remained until just before the War of 1812, then removing to Dunwich. Eight of Mrs. Wallace's brothers served in the war. The Wallaces belong to the Methodist Church.

John Williams is a son of Richard Williams and Mary Rice, natives of Manchester, England, where they were engaged in silk shawl manufacturing. Richard Williams was born December 8th, 1778, and died on the farm now occupied by his son John, July 26th, 1856, in the 78th year of his age. John Williams was born in Southwold, March 6th, 1823, and was married to Emma F. Best, of the same place, who was born January 8th, 1821, on December 19th, 1848. They have had five sons and four daughters, of whom the following are now living: Samuel Colin, principal penman in Spaulding's University, Kansas City, Mo.; Mary Jane, married

to Edwin Williams, a farmer, of Caradoc, County Middlesex; John Albert and Eliza Maria, both of whom reside at home. The Williams family are adherents of the Methodist Church. Mrs. John Williams is a daughter of James Best, who came to Southwold from Pennsylvania in 1811.

David James Watson owns 100 acres of land on lot 9 on the Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, called "Rose Lawn Farm," and worth about $9,000. He is a son of David Watson and Ruth Lumley, his wife; the former was born at Long Point in 1815, and was only two weeks old when James Watson, our subject's grandfather, settled in Southwold on the farm now occupied by the latter. David J. Watson was born in Southwold in July, 1848, and was married in April, 1883, to Anna Orchard, a native of Southwold, who was born there in 1850. They have one daughter. Mrs. David J. Watson is a daughter of Joseph Orchard and Mary Ann Spackman, his wife, natives of England, who settled in Southwold in 1825, and are now living in Fingal. David Watson, Sr., was married twice; first to Ruth Lumley, by whom he had three sons, viz., Edwin, a mechanic in Fingal; John, a mechanic in Lockport, N. Y.; and David James. Ruth Lumley died in 1848, and her husband afterwards married Mrs. Ambridge, by whom he had one daughter, who lives in Detroit; David Watson, Sr., died in Dec., 1883, at the age of 70 years.

Robert Wilson owns 47 acres of land, worth $3,500, on lot 33, North Talbot Street, in the Township of Southwold. He is a son of Benjamin Wilson, a native of the State of New Jersey, and Sarah Story, his wife, who came from Tyrone, Ireland. Crowell Wilson, Benjamin's father, left the State of New Jersey in 1785, and settled in the Niagara District, where he farmed until his death. In 1810 Benjamin removed to Yarmouth Township, County of Elgin, and drew from the Government the land upon which the workshops of the Canada Southern Railway were afterwards erected. He served as a lieutenant in the War of 1812, and was at the taking of Detroit. In 1814 he was married to Sarah Story, and they had seven children, of whom only three are living, viz.: Crowell, who lives in Wingham; Robert, the subject of this sketch; and Hiram, who resides in Dawn, Lambton County. Robert Wilson was born in Yarmouth, April 6th, 1818, and, in 1841, married Rebecca Tibble, of which union two daughters were born, viz.: Sarah Elizabeth, now married to Truman Silcox, of Southwold; and Mary Ann, married to John S. Parce, a resident of London, Ont. Mrs. Robert Wilson is a daughter of Jonathan Tibble, who was a native of Berkshire, England, where his daughter Rebecca was born. Mr. Robert Wilson has served for three years in the Township Council.

Duncan Walker owns 150 acres of land, called "Treelawn Farm," on lot 8, 2nd range north of the Union Road, in the Township of Southwold, valued at $15,000. Duncan's parents, James and Nancy, came from Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1831, and settled in Middlesex County. Duncan was born in Argyleshire in 1820, and in March, 1847, married Mary Munro of Southwold, and then settled on the farm where he now lives. There have been born of this union eleven children, of

whom the following, viz., James, Duncan, Colin, Nancy, Euphemia and Alma, are living. Mrs. Duncan Walker is a daughter of Neil Munro and Nancy McPherson, both of Scottish families.

EDWIN WARDELL owns 61 acres of land on lot 34, on Talbot Street South, in the Township of Southwold, which he calls "Cedar Grove," and values at $6,000. He is a son of Joshua Wardell, a U. E. Loyalist, and veteran of the War of 1812. Joshua Wardell came to Canada from New York State in 1812, and settled at Niagara, where he worked as a mechanic. After ten years he removed to Southwold, and located on the farm at present occupied by his daughters, Josephine and Sally, and which is called "Pine Grove Retreat." Joshua Wardell had nine children, of whom four are deceased. The following are still living, viz.: Louisa, who lives in Cleveland; Marsden, who has settled in South Carolina; Josephine and Sally, who are on the old homestead; and Edwin, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Wardell, Sr., was present at Gen. Brock's funeral, under whom he had served. Edwin, his son, takes an interest in military matters, and has been a lieutenant in the militia. He was born in Southwold in July, 1825, and in 1848 was married to Melissa McQueen, daughter of Col. James McQueen, a native of the same township. Mr. and Mrs. Wardell have had a family of five children, of whom James, Joshua and Edwin are living.

ISAAC WELTER, SR., owns a place called "Pleasant View Farm," containing 300 acres of land, on Talbot Street Road, in the Township of Southwold, which he values at about $20,000. Isaac Welter is a son of David Welter, who is a son of John Welter, the last named being a native of the State of Pennsylvania, from whence he came to Ancaster Township, Wentworth County, in 1812. After living there for a short time, John Welter and family moved to Southwold, where they obtained land from Col. Talbot. John Welter was a veteran of the War of 1812, and fought under Gen. Brock. He continued farming in Southwold until he died in 1855. David Welter, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1800, and came to Canada with his father when only 13 years of age. David had a family of eight children, of whom five are now living, viz., John, William, Isaac, Jane and Elizabeth. Mr. Isaac Welter married Samantha Ann Dingman, of Westminster, Middlesex County, in Feb., 1857, and they have eight children, all of whom are living, viz., Aurelia, Ida, Catherine, Amelia, Edith, Oscar, William and Albert. The Welters, as the name implies, are of German origin.

BENJAMIN WAGONER, deceased, was born in Nova Scotia in 1805, and settled in the County of Elgin about 1827. At his death he owned 100 acres of land on lot 25, concession 4 of the Township of Bayham, which he left to his son William, and which is valued at $5,000. Mr. Wagoner married, in 1836, Elizabeth H. Walker, a native of Falkirk, Scotland, by whom he had five children, three being now alive, viz., William S., Benjamin and Henry. On first coming to Canada Mr. Wagoner worked a farm on shares for Capt. Samuel Edison, but after nine years took up land for himself.

DUGALD WALKER owns a farm on lot D, concession 7 of the Township of Aldborough, worth about $8,500, and containing 175 acres of land. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1830, and in 1842 was brought by John and Sarah Walker, his parents, to this township, where the family settled. Besides Dugald, Mr. and Mrs. Walker had four other children, of whom Nancy, William and Isabella still survive. Dugald was married in 1871 to Catherine Montgomery, a native of Aldborough, and they have had five children. Mrs. Walker, Sr., died two years after coming to Canada, and her husband was married for the second time to Margaret McGlashan, of Yarmouth Township.

H. A. WEAVER owns 150 acres of land on lot 3, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, which he values at about $9,000. He was born in this township in 1832, and in 1855 married Lucene Elliott, of the same place. There were born of this union three daughters and one son. Mr. Weaver's parents, Jacob and Phœbe Weaver, were among the first settlers of New York City, and moved to Nova Scotia at the close of the Revolutionary War.

THOMAS E. WEAVER, deceased, was an old settler of Elgin County, having located there in 1813. He owned 100 acres of land on lot 2, concession 1 of the Township of Bayham, which is worth about $6,000. He was married to Tamer Haines, of Nova Scotia, and by her had ten children, of whom five are now living, viz., Jane, Susan, Emeline, Jud and Kate.